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Rwanda troops massacre 8,000 refugees

'They were barbarians, chasing and trapping children with bayonets'

By Sam Kiley
Africa Correspondent

CHILDREN tugged at their slaughtered parents among the mass of corpses strewn around the ruins of Kibeho refugee camp in Rwanda yesterday, a day after up to 8,000 Hutu refugees were mown down by government soldiers or trampled to death in the panic.

The grim sight of an infant trying to suckle from a murdered mother greeted aid workers who entered the camp. Further torment awaited 80,000 survivors of the Kibeho tragedy as they were force-marched to the town of Butare 12 miles away. Dozens of people dropped from exhaustion on the road, since most had been without shade, food or water for five days. "Many have been beaten," Medecins Sans Frontieres said.

About 200 Hutus, some of them armed, were making a last stand at the Kibeho camp last night, acording to Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Nairobi. Apart from these, only the dead, the badly wounded and up to 1,000 able-bodied people remained in the camp that had housed over 100,000 Hutus, who for months had refused to return to their villages. Although Tutsi-led Rwanda Patriotic Army troops and UN forces worked all day to bury the dead, about 2,000 bodies were still waiting to be collected as evening approached.

The troops moved in last Tuesday to close nine camps in south-west Rwanda and force the 250,000 Hutus living there to go home. The Government said Hutu hardliners were using the camps as strongholds.

All the dead were Hutus — men, women, children and babies. Witnesses said they were killed mainly by soldiers shooting into the crowd and bayoneting survivors who tried to escape, or in stampedes. UN officials and journalists leaving Kibeho on the last helicopter of the day on Saturday saw thousands of men, women and children break through an army cordon and flee down hillsides pursued by troops firing indiscriminately into them.

The killing started before dawn on Saturday when some Hutus packed into a tiny part of the camp slashed at each other with machetes in internal disputes. Shooting started at about noon when rain started and a mass of Hutus began to move.

The killing was the most savage since the Rwanda Patriotic Army won power in the Central African state last year to end three months of civil war and genocide by Hutu troops and militiamen. In Paris, Faustin Twagiramungu, the Rwandan Prime Minister, described the army's actions at the refugee camp at the weekend as a "legitimate response". He claimed anti-government Hutu militiamen inside Kibeho started the shooting. Rwandan President, Pasteur Bizimungu, who visited the camp yesterday, rejected UN military estimates that up to 8,000 Hutus were killed and claimed the true figure was only 300. Some witnesses from the UN said troops had panicked when the refugees tried to break out of the camp. They had opened fire and had also been shot at by Hutus inside the camp, but that their discipline then collapsed as they slaughtered fleeing civilians, including women and children, with bayonets. "They were acting like barbarians, chasing and trapping refugees who had escaped their cordon," said a UN soldier forced to take cover from the shooting.

At least 10,000 of the survivors who were marched to Butare yesterday took refuge in a stadium which was the site of horrific massacres of Tutsis by Hutus last year, when hundreds of Tutsis were thrown live into pits of burning tyres.

US President Clinton dispatched a three man team of troubleshooters to Rwanda. Their major concern will be that the massacre does not provoke a backlash among extremist Hutus, as well as a massive flight of refugees to Burundi or Tanzania.

In Brussels, the Belgian Foreign Minister, Erik Derycke, condemned "with the greatest vigor the brutal and uncontrolled attitude of the Rwandan military".

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Jospin comes from behind to top the poll

From Charles Bremner in Paris

IN A surprise result, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, topped yesterday's first-round vote for the French presidency, ahead of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and favourite, who barely beat Edouard Balladur, his party rival and Prime Minister, to second place, according to estimates.

The election, which also saw an estimated record 15.7 per cent vote for Jean-Marie Le Pen, the ultra-right candidate, will leave M Chirac the favourite for the run-off on May 7, but with his lead severely diminished.

A tense and tired M Balladur conceded defeat last night and said he would vote for M Chirac in the second round. "I will do everything in my power to see that we avoid what happened in 1981 and 1988," he said, referring to the divisions on the right which helped M Mitterrand win both of the last elections.

A duel between M Jospin, 57, a former education minister, and M Chirac restores the election to the battle between left and right which has distinguished all but one election for the modern French presidency. It thus removes the prospect of an all-Gaullist duel and the elimination of the Socialists, an event that would have amounted to an earthquake in the French political landscape.

The political world was surprised by the estimated 22.5 per cent scored by M Jospin, an uninspiring performer and latecomer to the race who had been forecast to score about 19 per cent. Henri Emmanuelli, the Socialist leader, said it showed the left was still thriving in France after 14 years of administration under President Mitterrand. Also on the left, Robert Hue, the Communist Party candidate, scored a respectable 8.8 per cent, two points above the party's 1988 result.

M Balladur's comeback to within a hair's breadth of M Chirac after trailing far behind in the opinion polls testified to uncertainty over the presidential qualifications of M Chirac, 62, twice Prime Minister and the Mayor of Paris for 18 years. Early estimates put M Chirac and M Balladur at just over 20 per cent. M Balladur had been favourite before the full campaign began in February.

M Chirac had returned from the political wildnerness to almost messianic acclaim as a potential saviour of France. However, his commanding lead faltered in the final weeks as rivals denounced his promises of national revival as unrealistic.

By the tradition of the French system, M Chirac will now be able to gather the backing of the conservative public, which represents a powerful majority of the country, according to yesterday's vote. For that reason, the relief was palpable in a Chirac camp chastened by his weaker than expected score. However, the bad blood between M Chirac and M Balladur, the man he regards as a party traitor, could cause some voters to abstain or desert to M Jospin.

Basking in an unexpected triumph, M Jospin said his score had "created the conditions for real hope" in France. "I call on you to rally around my proposals for clear values which can ensure shared prosperity for France," he said. Alain Madelin, the Business Minister and a lieutenant of M Chirac, retorted that the Gaullist leader would be the man to offer France change.

A key will be the support of the 20 per cent of the electorate who backed M Le Pen and Philippe de Villiers, the anti-Maastricht nationalist, who scored about 5 per cent. M Le Pen, who campaigns on an anti-immigrant platform with strong overtones of Fascism, is a bitter foe of M Chirac and is unlikely to endorse him. Socialist leaders said they would warn France that a President Chirac would mean that France was "a hostage of the extreme right".

The strong vote for M Le Pen and the other so-called "protest candidates" appeared to indicate a widespread disillusion with the mainstream political groups. Abstention in the poll was about 20 per cent, only slightly higher than in recent elections.

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PHILIPPE WOJAZER

Lionel Jospin emerging from the shadows after voting in the French presidential poll

Army deserter arrested over Oklahoma bomb

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

AN ARMY deserter was arrested in San Bernadino, California, last night in connection with last Wednesday's Oklahoma City bombing.

The man was named as David Iniguez who had served at Fort Riley, Kansas, with Timothy McVeigh, the 27-year-old Gulf War veteran arrested last Friday and now being held under tight security.

CBS News said Mr Iniguez was tracked down after the US army had identified him from a composite sketch released by the FBI last Thursday. A Justice Department spokesman denied Mr Iniguez was the man in the sketch. Investigators now believe at least four people may have been involved in the bombing.

The FBI also took into custody over the weekend two brothers, James and Terry Nichols, and was holding them as "material witnesses" to the bombing. The two brothers were close associates of Mr McVeigh and former members of the Michigan Militia, an extreme right-wing paramilitary group. Last Friday police detonated home-made bombs after a raid on James Nichols' Michigan farm, where Mr McVeigh had lived for several months last year. Earlier that day Terry Nichols had gone voluntarily to the police station in Herington, the small Kansas town where he lived. Herington is barely 30 miles from Junction City where Fort Riley is based and where Mr McVeigh and another man hired the van in which the bomb was planted.

Yesterday was a national day of mourning which President and Mrs Clinton marked by planting a tree in the White House garden before flying to Oklahoma City for a memorial service. The death toll reached 81 with nearly 150 still missing.

In the wake of the bombing Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, suggested the road in front of the White House might be closed for security reasons.

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Blair to pressure Clause 4 diehards

By Nicholas Wood and Philip Bassett

TONY BLAIR will today highlight the strength of grassroots support for his modernising crusade as he makes a final attempt to win over trade union hardliners.

By last night, backing for the Labour leader's plans to scrap the Clause Four commitment to nationalisation was running at 86 per cent, after votes had been received from 209 of the 500 local parties that held ballots. None voted against change.

Addressing Usdaw, the shopworkers' union, in Blackpool, Mr Blair will urge those unions yet to finalise their stance to follow the lead of the party's rank and file at a special conference on Saturday to decide the party's new constitution.

The Labour leader's remarks will be aimed chiefly at Unison, the public workers' union, and the TGWU transport union, which have opposed the Labour leader's proposals for a commitment to a dynamic, market economy. Their delegates could, however, change their minds before the votes are counted at the conference.

Mr Blair is now virtually assured of victory in his Clause Four crusade, but he wants a thumping win on Saturday to bring home to the country the extent to which he believes he has changed the Labour Party he inherited last year.

"The bigger the better," one senior Labour official said last night of the conference verdict. Others said that in the light of the strong support in the constituencies, there would now be "irresistible pressure" on union delegates to fall in behind Mr Blair.

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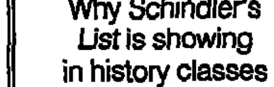

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'Jacques Who?' for Madame Tussaud's

By James Landale, political reporter

JACQUES SANTER, President of the European Commission, who was once mistaken for a removal man on the French frontier and is widely known in Brussels as Jacques Who?, is to gain international recognition at last with a waxwork at Madame Tussaud's.

Mr Santer has agreed to a model being made as part of the waxworks' attempt to make their figures more relevant to the million European tourists who comprise almost half the visitors each year. Measurements and hundreds of photographs will be taken at a two-hour sitting when he visits London on May 4 to make a speech at Guildhall in the City of London.

Madame Tussaud's, which hope to have his waxwork made in six months, was ambivalent yesterday on who would recognise a man whose low public profile as Prime Minister of Luxembourg has changed little since his accession to Brussels.

"People from Luxembourg would know him, and maybe from surrounding countries," an official said. "Others may not know what he looks like, but might know his name." In the queue outside few had heard of M Santer, let alone felt able to recognise him.

Richard Robinson, 49, a Grimsby solicitor, summed up the queue's opinion: "There is no point having somebody here if no one is going to recognise him."

Mr Santer, 57, will be the first European Commission President represented. Madame Tussaud's has asked him to bring some clothes for added authenticity, his office said: "He normally wears a dark blue or grey suit, with the occasional pinstripe."

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Rising star of Establishment heads for Threadneedle Street

Davies: wide network

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Prime Minister will today announce that Howard Davies, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, is to be the new deputy governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Davies's appointment as successor to Rupert Pennant-Rea, who resigned in March after his former *lover made allegations about their relationship, is likely to be welcomed in the City. He is expected to move to the Bank in September.*

The CBI leader was informally approached by the Bank within *days of the resignation of Mr Pennant-Rea, a former editor of The Economist*, and indicated he would be willing to accept the job if offered. Though some senior figures at Threadneedle Street believed that — especially after Mr Pennant-Rea — the Bank needed a senior banking official. Treasury officials insisted on someone well-versed in economic and political affairs. *Mr Davies is likely to become closely connected with developing policy on European* economic and monetary union.

Though his contacts with Whitehall officials have made him the *envy of the business world*, he also has good relations with the Labour leadership, which is likely to look favourably on his new appointment.

While supporters of Mr Davies have no doubt about his ability to succeed Eddie George as Governor of the Bank if the opportunity arises, they believe Mr George is likely to see out his five-year term and to accept another.

The CBI is likely to look outside its ranks for a new chief, and may well be swayed by the need to find a candidate who could gel with an incoming Labour government.

Mr Davies, 44, has been on the Establishment's fast track for many years. Head of the CBI since 1992, where he had been due to remain until 1997, he has succeeded in moving the organisation from being an external but necessary irritant to the Government to a vital component of public policy. Under his tenure, ministers, *Labour leaders and Whitehall officials have queued up to take the CBI's advice* — to the irritation of other business organisations. Sometimes the relevance of that advice has seemed obscure — on schools' performance league tables, for example — but it has been listened to, and often adopted. Critics have denounced the CBI under Mr Davies for being so influential in Budget policy, for instance, and in public sector pay restraint. But even his strongest or most jealous opponents have had to *accept that he and the CBI seem to have had the Government's ear.*

Born in Blackley, Manchester — the birthplace of his opposite number at the TUC, John Monks, Mr Davies embarked on a glittering Civil Service career after Oxford, working in the Foreign Office and the Treasury. An adviser to Nigel Lawson when he was Chancellor, and involved before that in setting the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, *a key mechanism of monetarist policy in the early 1980s,* Mr Davies *moved out of the Whitehall mainstream to head the Audit Commission*, the local government watchdog, before going to the CBI.

On the way he built a network of influential colleagues. Other business leaders could not fathom how he seemed so at ease in the political and economic centre; they often lacked his social connections and disarming *sense of humour which allowed even political opposites,* such as Labour policy-makers, to draw close to him.

Concern at US-style briefings

Judges seek to stop lawyers talking to press before trials

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

THE *Lord Chief Justice and* senior judges have floated controversial proposals to curb lawyers from talking to the press so that trials are not prejudiced by coverage such *as the media circus surrounding the O. J. Simpson* case.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth put forward the proposals in private discussions with senior Law Society members because of concern among senior *judges that solicitors are using* the media inappropriately. The judges' action comes after a series of press conferences by solicitors in high-profile cases such as that of Rose West, whose husband Freder*ick died in custody accused of* 12 murders.

One source said: "There is a concern among all the senior judges that we are moving towards US-style press conference with daily briefings dur*ing the trial and commentary* on the proceedings."

Senior judges want to see solicitor-advocates placed under the same restrictions as barristers, which would bar them talking about a case during its currency. Solicitors *are bound only by the law* on contempt of court, which prevents any pre-trial publicity that would prejudice the interests of justice, including issuing advance statements of what will be said in court.

The move highlights growing concern about pre-trial publicity and the use of the media by police and lawyers, which will surface with a test High Court challenge against the Attorney-General *this summer. But some defence* solicitors are increasingly irritated by what they see as the *failure of the Attorney-General,* Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, to act against newspapers and "draw a clear line" on what coverage is acceptable.

The Law Society confirmed *that the Lord Chief Justice* had raised the matter. A spokesman said its standards and guidance committee would review the rules and "if any proposal to adopt a new *conduct rule is made, we will* consult widely, including the media". However a senior member said: "The society would resist anything limiting the ability of solicitors properly to brief the press in the *interests of their client and the case. If solicitors are barred* from briefing the press, all that is doing is giving a free run to the police and the state."

The society is likely to maintain that solicitors are *already bound by rules stipulating their duty to the court.* "Any solicitor with common sense is not going to go around attacking the judge or the *proceedings,"* one Law Society member said.

They also believe solicitors should not be subject to the same curbs as barristers *because they have have a distinct role, whether or not* they are the advocate in a case, to act as a spokesman for the client, in and out of court.

Similar measures to curb lawyers are being prepared in *the United States. The State* Bar of California has been forced by the Legislature to propose a disciplinary rule limiting what lawyers can say to the press. The proposal will go to the California Supreme *Court for consideration.*

Mark Stephens, who is bringing the test judicial review against the Attorney-General, said yesterday that defence lawyers were increasingly forced to defend their *clients through the media because of police practice and* the stance of the Attorney-General. "A few years ago, hardly any details would come out before trial. We now have an unseemly scramble for details, film, incidents with *newspapers running more* and more prejudicial material earlier and earlier."

His challenge against the Attorney-General comes after two sisters had their convic*tions for murder quashed on the ground that press cover*age had denied them a fair trial.

One obstacle faced by the Attorney-General in bringing contempt proceedings is that the law is framed to inhibit comment and reporting only *when absolutely necessary* to protect the integrity of judicial proceedings.

Simpson: media circus

STEFAN ROUSSEAU

Betty waives the rules

Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of *the House of Commons*, had a wish granted yesterday when a speedboat took her racing up and down the Thames in front of the Houses of Parliament. Miss Boothroyd sped at 55 mph *along the course of next month's London Watersports* Day, a festival of jet-ski, water-ski and powerboat racing. She said later: "It certainly blew the cobwebs away." *The stretch of river is normally out of bounds to* such craft. The Tory MP Nicholas Winterton raised a question in the House after a *practice session last month* was overheard by MPs. But the Speaker told him: "It was wonderful to see the speedboats on the Thames and I was rather envious. I thought I should have been in one of them." *Organisers of the* event, which will close the river to other traffic on May 14, were happy to oblige.

P&O considers bid to take over Le Shuttle

The ferry company P&O is considering a takeover bid for Channel Tunnel train services if Eurotunnel is forced into receivership this autumn. The Le Shuttle *operator*, which has debts of £8 billion, has been *given until October to prove to its syndicate of 225 banks* that it can make money. Brian Langford, marketing director of P&O, said the prospect of buying Eurotunnel's 50-year Channel Tunnel concession would be too attractive for the company to ignore. Asked if P&O would want to bid for its rival, he said: "To say that we would not be interested is not realistic."

***Mr Langford tells the BBC2 programme Channel Wars,* to be shown on Wednesday, that he believes the Government would offer the company "for a song" if it went under. "The Government would write off all their losses and would need someone to make it work," he said. SNCF, the French rail operator, is also thought to be interested.**

Drug use increases

Nearly a third of pupils aged 15 and 16 admit they have smoked cannabis, according to a nationwide survey published today. Of 48,000 teenagers interviewed for the schools health education unit of *Exeter University*, 32.9 per *cent of boys and 27.3 per cent* of girls said they had taken the drug at some time. The number has risen sharply since 1989, when a similar survey showed that 5 per cent of boys and 3.5 per cent of girls in the same age group had smoked cannabis, while 3.3 per cent of boys and 2.9 per cent of girls had taken resin, or "hash".

Anorexic wins treatment

North West Lancashire Health Authority has agreed to give a 15-year-old five-and-a-half-stone girl in hospital with anorexia the treatment of her choice. The authority wanted the girl to be treated *at* a unit with adults and she took it to *the High Court to get the policy overturned. Now the girl*, from Blackpool, will be treated at Rhodes Farm in London.

Marchioness appeal

The Transport Secretary Brian Mawhinney should re-open inquiries *on the Marchioness sinking after the unlawful killing verdict from an inquest jury*, families of the victims have said. Under the Merchant Shipping Act, Dr Mawhinney can reconsider the cerficate held by the master of the *Bowbelle*, which was involved in the 1989 collision.

Food adverts defended

The Advertising Association *has hit back at* claims by the National Food Alliance that food advertisements aimed at children made dubious health claims. Winston Fletcher, the association's chairman, said in its annual report that "unofficial" groups such as the alliance, a lobby group, offered "little logic and even fewer facts".

Criminals 'use Labour'

Police and customs officials are investigating claims that criminals are infiltrating local Labour parties in North Tyneside, Liverpool and Greater *M*anchester to win influence on councils. They are *studying allegations* that gang*land bosses are getting stooge councillors* elected, *who then* have the power to award contracts to firms run by criminals.

TV series is scrapped

A children's television series *featuring* Craig Charles, right, *the star of Red Dwarf* who was cleared recently of raping a former girlfriend, has been scrapped. Patrick Titley, a producer at Yorkshire Television, has written *to stars of Go Getters* saying that the *new* series, *filmed* a year ago and due to be shown before Christmas, would not now be screened because of publicity surrounding the court case.

Sinn Fein talks 'soon'

Peter Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster and co-chairman of the British-Irish Interparliamentary Body, said talks between the Government and Sinn Fein would start *within* two weeks. The Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams had accused the *Government of hardening* its stance on the decommissioning of IRA arms as the *price for talks*.

Kaiser's medals for sale

A set of medals belonging to Kaiser Wilhelm II which were looted *from* a Berlin museum in 1945 and bought by a British collector *are expected to fetch up to* £150,000 when they are sold at Sotheby's in Geneva on May 16. They include the Prussian Order of the Red Eagle, *with the back* enamelled in white to avoid marking the Kaiser's uniform.

Television audience pummels Bottomley

By James Landale, Political Reporter

THE *Health Secretary* Virginia Bottomley yesterday came under fierce attack from angry members of the public protesting over the Government's *handling of the* National Health Service.

As Mrs Bottomley took part in London Weekend Television's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme, she was told that the public had no confidence in her policies. She was *criticised for closing hospitals* in London. One *man* said he agreed that the NHS needed some "pruning". "But when pruning, I always go out with a pair of secateurs. I think *Mrs Bottomley's gone out* with Semtex."

Mrs Bottomley was repeatedly interrupted as she tried to explain the decision to close the accident and emergency *department* at Edgware General *Hospital* in northwest *London. One woman* who *lives near* Edgware *and* said she was *proud to be a member* of the Conservative Party, said that people would have to travel more than six miles to get to Barnet hospital. "We have got five of your Conser*vative MPs [in the area]* ... but they will all vote against you if you close the A & E department," she said. One man shouted out: "Half of *them will be dead before they get to Barnet.*"

As *Jonathan Dimbleby* told the audience to "simmer down", another man told Mrs Bottomley: "The British people have lost confidence in *the NHS* and what you have *done. You can't* even get an ambulance to get a bed, let alone a bed."

Mrs Bottomley defended the way waiting times were calculated and said they were *not "dodgy or phoney".* She said: "The new *Patient's* Charter gives a new guarantee of in-patient and out-patient times. The figures are subject to the scrutiny of the Audit Commission and the Public Accounts Committee. *Up and down the country we are trying to improve the* quality of care and there is no interest of mine in having figures other than the best."

She said that difficult decisions made now would lead to improvements later.

Scheme for ID cards finds enemies on the Tory Right

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

MICHAEL HOWARD'S plans for a national identity card scheme encountered fresh resistance yesterday from the Tory Right. The *Home Secretary intends to publish proposals next month* setting out a range of options for introducing ID cards.

But Conservative Way Forward, an influential grouping made up of Thatcherite activ*ists and about 30 MPs*, warned him *in a discussion* paper that he would be making "a serious mistake" if he pressed ahead with his Green *Paper. The CWF intervention came against the background* of opposition from some of the whipless Tory rebels to ID cards and Cabinet divisions over the issue.

Mr Howard said yesterday that his proposals were for *discussion and that the Government had not committed* itself to any of the options — covering both voluntary and compulsory cards — that will be outlined in the Green Paper. But with misgivings about ID cards mounting in Tory ranks and with Eurosceptics suspicious that they could become a replacement for existing border controls, the Government could be forced to delay any decision *until after the next election.*

Lord Parkinson of Carnforth, the former Cabinet minister and chairman of Conservative Way Forward, also struck a cautionary note. *He said: "The introduction of ID cards would be a major step* with serious implications for the traditional liberties of the British people."

Sir George Gardiner, a member of the group's executive *and Tory MP for Reigate*, said he had always been in favour of ID cards but the latest pamphlet, drawn up by the group's younger members, was worthy of consideration.

The group's paper rejects a *compulsory card on civil liberties grounds and claims that* a voluntary card would be ineffective in the fight against crime because law-breakers would not apply for one. But a voluntary card would be the first step towards forcing everyone to carry one. It also echoes the fears of some of the nine whipless Tory rebels that ID cards would strengthen the arguments of European states pressing for the UK to scrap *its border controls. The suspicion is that* identity checks, carried out anywhere in the European Union, would be the substitute for passport controls at national frontiers.

Although the Green Paper *will be neutral on the merits of* the various options, it is understood that the Government has decided against including "no change" among them. One possibility is for a *new-style driving* licence, bearing the photograph of the holder, to become a voluntary card and to replace the British Visitor's Passport, which is to be abolished, as a travel document inside the EU. Non-motorists would be able to *apply for such a card.*

Conservative Way Forward says, however, that it is opposed to the introduction of ID cards "by stealth — such as through the issuing of non-driving driving licences or a voluntary ID card".

Tour firms still have 3m package trips to sell

By Marianne Curphey

BARGAIN-HUNTING holidaymakers could force tour operators to offer millions of *cut-price foreign packages this* summer.

Early-booking and post-Christmas discounts and free child places have failed to persuade families to part with their money. There are still *three million unsold holidays* for the summer and Lunn Poly and Thomas Cook announced yesterday that they would be offering discounts in the coming months.

Thomas Cook said customers had been "cautious and cyncial" about special offers, and predicted that final prices would be lower than last summer.

A *leisure* industry analyst said: *"Tour operators in general are getting very twitchy now* but the last thing they want is to start reducing prices and to provoke an all-out price war. The best deals are going to be in May and June and September and October."

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British judges reverse Oscars verdict

Four Weddings takes five prizes at Bafta gala

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE hit British film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, which failed to impress the judges at last month's Oscar ceremony, won five awards at the annual ceremony of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts last night.

Hugh Grant was named best actor for his role as a reluctant bridegroom in the comedy film that was made on a budget of £4 million and turned out to be the most successful British box office hit yet, grossing more than £160 million worldwide.

The film, backed by Channel 4, also took the David Lean Award for best direction for Mike Newell, the best supporting actress award for Kristin Scott Thomas, and the best film award. It also won the Lloyds Bank people's award for the most popular film, a prize voted for by the viewing public.

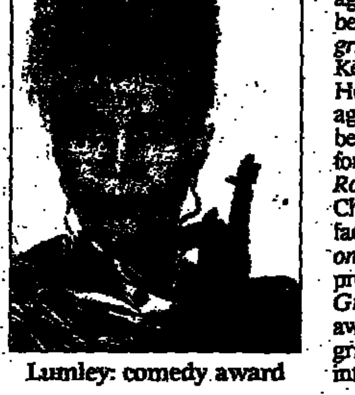
Forrest Gump, the American film starring Tom Hanks as a simpleton who rises to fame and fortune, which triumphed at the Oscar ceremony in Los Angeles, failed to win a single award last night.

The Bafta ceremony at the London Palladium was attended by scores of Hollywood and British stars, including John Travolta, Tony Curtis, Greta Scacchi and Michael Caine. *Pulp Fiction*, Quentin Tarantino's pastiche about violent society, took the award for best original screenplay award and the prize for the best supporting actor with Samuel L. Jackson. Robert Redford's picture *Quiz Show* won the best adapted screenplay award and Susan Sarandon won the best actress award for her role as a lawyer in *The Client*.

The British television industry was also celebrated at the awards where Joanna Lumley was named best comedy actress for her role in the BBC's *Absolutely Fabulous*. Robbie Coltrane won the best actor award for his role as a forensic psychologist in ITV's police drama *Cracker*.

Cracker also won the best drama series award and was voted the most popular television programme in the Lloyds Bank people's vote. The Channel 4 entertainment show, *Don't Forget Your Toothbrush*, presented by Chris Evans, was named best light entertainment programme and it also took a special judges' award for originality. The Alexander Korda award for the outstanding British film of the year went to another Channel 4 production, *Shallow Grave*, by Danny Boyle and Andrew Macdonald. Billy Wilder won the Bafta fellowship award for his contribution to the industry.

Other winners were: best film not in english, *To Live*; best television actress, Juliet Aubrey (for BBC Television's *Middlemarch*); best drama serial, *Takin' Over the Asylum*; best factual series, Phil Agland's *Beyond The Clouds*; best comedy, *Three Fights, Two Weddings and a Funeral*; best news coverage, the ITN production team for its coverage of the crisis in Rwanda; best single drama, *Skallagrigg*; best sports coverage, Keith MacKenzie and Martin Hopkins for the BBC's coverage of the Grand National; best light entertainment performance, Rory Bremner for *Rory Bremner, Who Else?* on Channel 4; best children's factual programme, *As Seen on TV*; best children's fictional programme, *Coping With Grown-ups*; Huw Wheldon award for best arts programme: Melvyn Bragg for interview with Dennis Potter.


Lumley: comedy award

ADRIAN BROOKS

Flight Lieutenant Nichol in Whitehall during the campaign launch yesterday

Pilot joins fight to win silence for war dead

BY TIM JONES

Nichol on Iraqi TV

A HERO of the Gulf War whose battered face became a symbol of Iraqi brutality backed a campaign yesterday to restore the two-minute silence in remembrance of Britain's war dead.

Flight Lieutenant John Nichol, an RAF navigator who along with his pilot was paraded on Iraqi television, survived weeks of torture and intimidation after their Tornado GR1 was shot down during a bombing mission in the first hours of the war.

Yesterday Flt Lt Nichol symbolically halted the traffic in Pall Mall, London, to launch the Royal British Legion's A Thousand Silences campaign.

Ted Jobson, national chairman of the legion, fears the tradition of observing the silence has become so eroded that only people participating in a Remembrance Sunday ceremony are aware of what he calls "these fleeting moments".

Introduced at the end of the First World War, the silence was observed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to mark the anniversary of the Armistice. Everything, including traffic, stopped and the nation became silent. After the Second World War, Remembrance moved to the Sunday nearest to November 11 and then to the second Sunday in November.

Concerned that the nation might forget, the legion is pressing for the silence to be observed at 1,000 locations around the country at 8.38pm on VE-Day, May 8, to coincide with the Queen lighting a beacon in Hyde Park. The legion also wants to restore the silence to Remembrance Sunday as an annually observed time for reflection by the whole population.

Flt Lt Nichol, 31, of 11 Squadron in Leeming, North Yorkshire, said: "The legion doesn't just care for those veterans of the Second World War but also veterans of my generation injured in conflicts closer to home, such as Yugoslavia or Northern Ireland.

"That is why it's so important for all generations to remember and honour the two minutes' silence. It is by and on behalf of members of all generations that our armed forces have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice so much," he said.

"The most important thing to remember is that our armed services are still active around the world 50 years after the end of the Second World War."

All local authorities have been sent details of the appeal and the legion hopes that eventually two minutes' silence will be respected in every one of the UK's 14,000 parishes.

Memorial tribute to stabbed teenager

BY MARIANNE DARCH

A CROWD of 200 gathered at the site where Stephen Lawrence was killed two years ago to see a memorial plaque unveiled yesterday.

The family of the 18-year-old student from Greenwich made legal history this weekend when they won the right to launch Britain's first private prosecution for murder. Three men arrested on Saturday will appear before Greenwich magistrates today.

Stephen, whose parents are from Jamaica, was allegedly stabbed by a group of white youths while waiting for a bus in Eltham, southeast London, with a friend.

Flowers were laid at the spot during the service yesterday, led by the Area Bishop of Croydon, the Rt Reverend Wilfred Wood. He said the contagious disease of hatred was still evident in the community as "two years after this disgraceful occurence in broad daylight, the culprits have not been apprehended and continue to lead normal lives".

Four teenagers were arrested and two charged with murder in July 1993, but the Crown Prosecution Service decided there was insufficient evidence to convict them.

Detectives mingle with mourners

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

DETECTIVES mingled with hundreds of mourners yesterday at a memorial service for the murdered schoolgirl Lindsay Rimer, hoping for information which could help them to track down her killer.

Police believe the 13-year-old from Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, was given a lift by someone she and her family knew and trusted, who then strangled her and dumped her body in a canal.

Detective Inspector Graham Sunderland said it was possible that the person who murdered her was part of the congregation. "We can never rule out that the killer could be here among us today," he said. "We are asking everyone to look very closely at everybody they are associated with."

About 20 officers attended the service at St James's in Lindsay's home town. The Rev Martin Parrot told the mourners, who included Lindsay's classmates from the nearby Calder High School, that her killer would not escape punishment: "Whoever did this to Lindsay will not get away with it. If they avoid the skill of our police, God will judge them in the next."

Lindsay disappeared more than five months ago after leaving a Spar shop in Hebden Bridge, where she had bought a box of cornflakes. Her body was recovered 12 days ago.

Former prisoners of Japanese lobby UN

BY ANDREW PIERCE

BRITISH prisoners of war who were held in Japanese labour camps will press their case for compensation at the United Nations tomorrow, half a century after they were liberated.

A special session of the UN Commission for Human Rights has been convened to hear graphic accounts of the treatment suffered at the hands of the Japanese during the Second World War. Phyllis Jameson, who lost most of her family in the flight from Singapore when her boat was sunk, and Keith Martin, vice-chairman of the Association of British Civilian Internees Far East Region (Abcifer), will address the meeting.

Mrs Jameson, 65, from Blackpool, will tell the commission's working group on contemporary forms of slavery how she was subjected to forced labour in Sumatra, digging graves for internees who had died of malnutrition. Mrs Jameson still bears the physical scars of her ordeal. She blames her failure to have children — four failed pregnancies — on the conditions she endured.

Keith Martin: lost youth

The PoWs hope to secure the support of the commission in their bid for compensation. In January Abcifer and former PoWs set foot on Japanese soil for the first time since the war to demand compensation and an apology from the Japanese government.

The Geneva initiative comes at a sensitive time for the Japanese with the 50th anniversary celebations of VE-day only weeks away. Mr Martin, who was imprisoned as a teenager for two years, said last night: "Only by making genuine reparations for its own past can Japan regain the full respect of the world. It could set an example to other nations where human rights and decency are still under assault. We have been forgotten for 50 years. Now is the time to make amends."

Mr Martin, 67, of Alresford, Hampshire, still has vivid memories of camp life. "I recall having to dig a grave to bury a friend. I was a teenager at the time. I had to wake early in the mornings to light and stoke fires to produce hot water when supplies were available. I have never received any compensation for my lost youth. My mother, from whom I was separated for five years, was compensated £45."

There were about 18,000 British civilians interned in the Far East of which about one fifth are alive today. There were 50,000 prisoners of war and at least a quarter perished in the harsh conditions.

Under a treaty signed in 1951, PoWs from Japanese labour camps received compensation of £76 10s, equivalent to about £1,000 today. They are now seeking sums in the region of £13,000.

Martyn Day, the solicitor representing Abcifer, flew to Geneva with the survivors. He said: "By hearing the testimony of the British former internees the working group is reaffirming that nations cannot commit these acts with impunity. It is sending a powerful message to world governments that if they do they will face consequences, even if it takes 50 years. This is a critical message for our era if we ever hope to get beyond the kind of horrors we have seen recently in Bosnia and Rwanda."

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Shifting sands erode resort's bucket-and-spade trade

BY IAN MURRAY
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LONG stretches of a white, sandy beach celebrated by Thomas Hardy have disappeared, leaving behind a rough shingle shoreline.

The loss of part of the mile-long curving beach at Swanage Bay has forced the town council to bring in mechanical diggers to shift hundreds of tons of sand from the southern end of the bay to the north. Only when this sand was moved was it possible to put up beach huts in time for the holiday season.

Brenda Woodford, whose livelihood was lost with the sand, blames the council for building a jetty into the bay. The council blames the tides and the weather. Experts on coastal erosion blame global warming and the Government.

Mrs Woodford paid £80,000 for a 200-yard frontage of beach and a watersports centre near the northern end of the bay in 1991. "It was a lovely strip of sand where kids could enjoy making sandcastles and burying their dads. Now it's all gone and there is nothing left but stones."

She says the sand began to disappear in 1992 shortly after Purbeck District Council paid £5.5 million to build a 60-yard stone jetty in the middle of the bay. Designed to carry away storm water that was causing winter flooding in Swanage, she says it has altered the way the sands are pushed to and fro by the tides, winds and storms.

She is backed by George Willey, recently retired as editor of the local paper, who has lived in Swanage for over 40 years. "In some winters parts of the beach have been denuded of sand but usually it is quickly restored. This time the sand seems to have gone permanently."

Mike Goater, technical officer at Purbeck, says that the sandy beach has always come and gone periodically, depending on the weather and the tides. "Mrs Woodford bought the beach when there was sand all the way round the bay," he says. "Having bought it like that I can appreciate that she might expect it to stay there but the coastline is something dynamic, not static."

Hydraulic Research, Europe's leading coastal survey experts, carried out a study on the likely effects of building the jetty and told Purbeck council there was no need to worry. Alan Brampton, who heads the company's coastal group covering the area, says: "We came to the conclusion that it was unlikely to damage the beach and that even if sand did disappear from one place it would be possible to move the stuff around from somewhere else."

John Pethick, of the Institute of Estuary and Coastal Studies at Hull University, says that Swanage could be about to lose its beach forever, partly because global warming is raising sea levels. "Beaches have a finite life and are now being washed out to sea everywhere from Florida to Africa and Australia."

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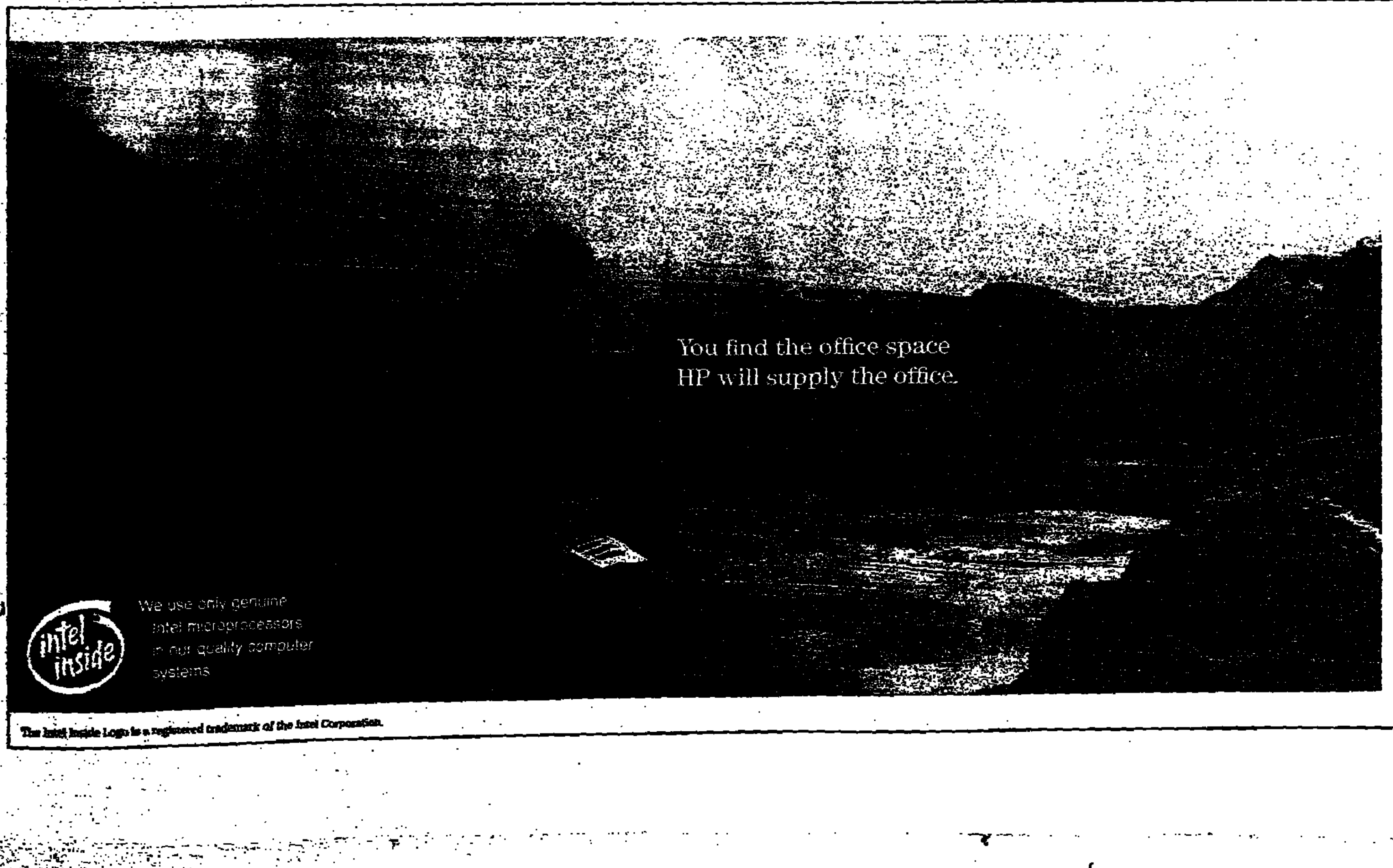

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Blood transfusion patients 'put at risk'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

PATIENTS given blood transfusions in this country risk infection because more stringent screening has not been adopted, experts say.

On the advice of a Department of Health committee, the transfusion service has refused to introduce a more reliable test for hepatitis B, which causes liver disease. The service has also decided against introducing tests for human T cell leukaemia/lymphoma virus type 1 (HTLV-1), which can cause cancer.

One senior transfusion service expert who prefers to remain anonymous says that, on average, one person is unnecessarily infected every day. "Whilst not all become seriously ill, the consequences of both infections can be calamitous. Will the Government compensate the unlucky recipients when the truth eventually comes out? You can bet they won't."

Dr Huw Lloyd, a former director of the Northern Regional Blood Transfusion Centre in Newcastle upon Tyne, said he had been "strongly in favour" of introducing the hepatitis B test, known as anti-HBc screening. "There was sufficient information to suggest that it would improve the safety of blood transfusions," he says. His centre made all the arrangements for the test to be introduced last year, but was then instructed not to go ahead. "I think that was not the right decision to make," says Dr Lloyd, who has left the service.

Internal minutes of National Blood Authority meetings show that, throughout 1993, the service was strongly in favour of anti-HBc testing, and concerned about delays imposed by the Health Department. But in October of that year the medical director of the NBA, Dr Harold Gunson, wrote to transfusion centre directors that the advice had been over-ruled. He admitted that failure to introduce the test could lead to 100 patients being infected every year.

Many in the service believe the decision was taken for financial reasons. Introducing anti-HBc testing, already used in the United States and other countries, would cost £3 million a year. "This is the same argument that was used against testing against HIV in the early 1980s and against testing for hepatitis C," says one specialist from the transfusion service. "Many people in the service are angry but are reluctant to speak out."

Dr Lloyd says that the test could have been introduced relatively inexpensively. "But if you are not very keen on it, you can make out that there are a lot of additional costs."

Blood is tested for hepatitis B, but the test misses some infected samples. Dr Peter Hamilton, a haematologist in Newcastle, wrote to the *British Medical Journal* in January 1994 that blood transfusion "is not as safe as it could be, and the risk of transmitting hepatitis B to patients is higher than it need be".

"Hard luck if you go yellow, get liver failure, or go on to develop cirrhosis or hepatocellular carcinoma unnecessarily," he wrote. Yesterday, he had not changed his mind.

The NBA says the position over HBc is kept "constantly under review" and the same applies to another test that some people would like introduced, against HTLV-1. The Health Department has ruled that the test should not be introduced here.

The argument is that screening has shown that very few British donors carry the virus, so that the cost of the test would be disproportionate to the benefit. "Apparently, we cannot afford to screen for a virus capable of causing leukaemia, lymphoma, or spastic paraplegia in those receiving a blood transfusion," says Dr Hamilton. Dr Lloyd, however, agrees with the Health Department's decision in this case.

Cash-starved hospices are asked to do more for less

■ The National Lottery may make or break hospices, which are having to cope with increasing demand for their services

By Edward Gorman

THE hospice movement, which has survived for years on voluntary donations, is seeing income decline while coming under increased demand for care of the terminally ill.

The advent of the National Lottery and lower than expected government funding has eroded the funds of independent voluntary hospices.

Jean Gaffin, executive director of the National Council for Hospice and Specialist Palliative Care Services, said: "There is a lot of anxiety around. Some hospices have legacy income which helps them through the bad patches, or they may be based in relatively prosperous areas, but others in more deprived settings are the ones which have the problems."

There are 142 voluntary hospice units in Britain plus 46 managed by the NHS and 20 run by the Marie Curie Cancer Care and Sue Ryder charities. Central government funding averages between 38 and 40 per cent of individual budgets, according to the Health Department, although some hospices receive nothing. Money also comes from voluntary fundraising, charity shops and tearooms, legacies and covenants.

As the average age of the population rises, demand for care for patients with terminal cancer — the most common condition among those admitted to hospices — is increasing. Hospices are also expanding outpatient care, reflecting a preference of people to die at home.

Fundraising, however, is becoming more difficult. Many hospices have noticed a marked decline in public donations since the National Lottery began last year. Those that were running similar competitions have been particularly hard hit.

Graham Cawsey, chief executive of the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, Surrey, which has 26 beds and cares for about 200 patients at home, said: "Our lottery was still running at the time the National Lottery began and it had a very significant impact.

"I know from contact with other hospices that it is having a very marked impact on rolling lotteries which give prizes each month, simply because the prizes are relatively small. We know we can't compete, even with a prize of £100,000, with what the National Lottery is offering."

Hospice managers agree it is vital they make an effective case to the National Lottery Charities Board for money to offset the loss of income. The board is due to invite its first applications for funding next month, with the first grants expected to be given in the autumn.

The board will have an annual fund of about £150 million to distribute, but there are 700,000 charities eligible and up to 200,000 are expected to make an application in the first year.

Mrs Gaffin said she was worried by an apparent emphasis on funding for new projects, which she said had emerged during consultation with the board. "We are concerned about the balance between core-funding for well-respected activities suffering from the impact of the lottery and new initiatives."

Geoffrey Bishop, director of St Catherine's Hospice in Scarborough, and spokesman for 13 hospices in Yorkshire, believes the National Lottery could turn out to be a saviour in the long term. "Unless hospices can find new ways of getting more money, then I think there will be great difficulties in the future. Of course, a new way would be the National Lottery. It would be wonderful if hospices could receive something."

SIMON WALKER

Hazel Heasman, a nurse at Princess Alice Hospice, enjoying the sun with one of the patients. The unit has 26 beds and about 200 outpatients

Striking postmen return to work

A dispute that has led to a backlog of almost six million letters ended yesterday when striking postal workers accepted a peace plan. Members of the Union of Communication Workers at Newcastle upon Tyne voted at a mass meeting to end their stoppage over new shifts and return to work today.

More than 900 delivery workers have been on strike for two weeks in protest at a new shift system, which the Post Office said would speed the delivery of mail. Services should be back to normal by the end of the week.

Car boy drowns

A seven-year-old boy drowned after driving his battery-powered car into a canal at Tividale, West Midlands. The body of Alex Lawrence was recovered.

Pupils rescued

Ten teenagers from Edgehill College, Bideford, Devon, had to be led to safety from Dartmoor after becoming lost for three hours in freak blizzards.

Garage attack

A 25-year-old man suffered severe brain damage when he was attacked by a gang of teenagers after a disturbance at a garage in Ewell, Surrey. A friend escaped with cuts.

Fishermen saved

A captain and three crew were rescued unharmed from their fishing boat that sank in the Solway Firth. The *Saltcombe Steel* ran aground on the way to its home port of Annan.

New editor

The new editor of the *Independent on Sunday* is to be Peter Wilby, its deputy editor since 1991. He replaces Ian Jack, who resigned recently to edit the literary magazine *Granta*.

Lottery blank

No one won the £8.5 million jackpot in this week's National Lottery draw. The money will be held over for a top prize of about £17 million next week.

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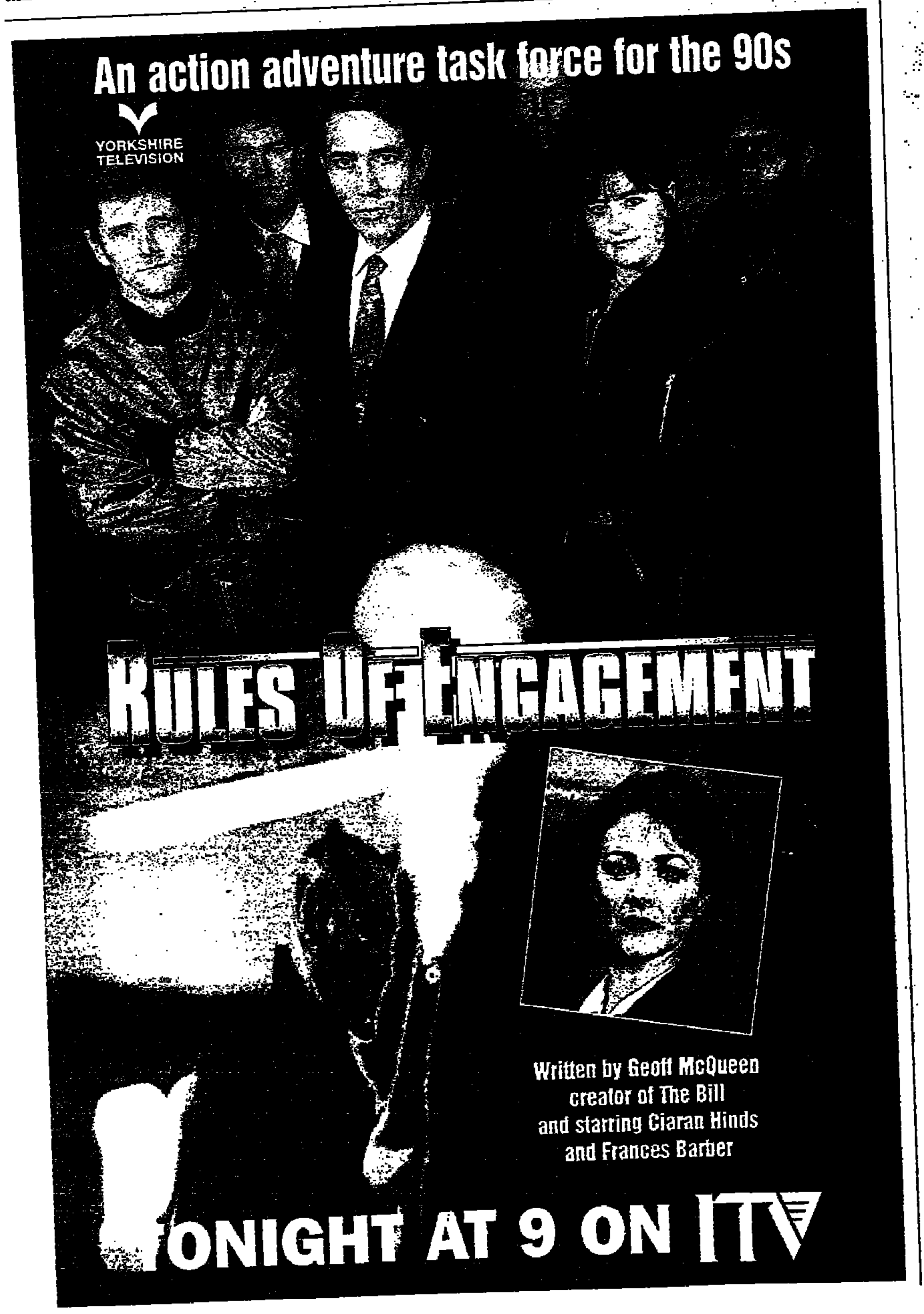
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Substantial pay increase proposed for prisoners

By Bill Frost

PRISONERS should be given substantial pay rises to bring them in line with commercial wage-earners, an alliance of penal organisations says today.

Britain's 51,500 inmates earn, on average, £7 a week in return for cleaning, cooking, gardening and making shoes and clothes. Some make as little as £4.

The Penal Affairs Consortium, a group of 24 penal organisations representing prison governors, officers, probation officers, Boards of Visitors and others, says their pay should more closely reflect that paid for similar work on the outside, so that, after money is compulsorily deducted, where appropriate, for their families or victims, prisoners stand more chance of being rehabilitated in society. "We would like to see their pay moving up substantially from what it is now, which is pocket money," Paul Cavadino, chairman of the consortium, said.

The proposal is one of 40 made in its report, *A Joint Manifesto for Penal Reform*, published today to mark the 100th anniversary of the publication of a radical document on prison welfare written by Herbert Gladstone, Home Office Minister in 1895. The consortium, which is calling for an end to the Government's policy of encouraging the use of prison as a punishment, wants a reduction in the prison population, greater use of bail and community service and positive prison regimes designed to equip prisoners to lead law-abiding lives.

"This approach would be far more likely to reduce reoffending and thereby benefit society than the current trend towards a soaring prison population and increasingly overcrowded prisons," Mr Cavadino said.

The consortium is also calling for the appointment of a new council, to be a part of the Court of Appeal, to establish a comprehensive framework for sentencing. "The United Kingdom has a higher proportion of its population in custody than any other west European country," the report says. "Only one in four people imprisoned each year has committed offences involving violence, sex, robbery or drugs. Since the beginning of 1993 there has been a sharp and sustained increase in the prison population which has occurred alongside the Government's abandonment of its earlier policy of seeking to reduce the unnecessary use of prison sentences."

The report suggests that prisoners should be kept near their homes and encouraged to keep in contact with their families, with greater scope for work and provision of training and education. It says there should be a substantial increase in the help given to former offenders when they return to the community, including more aftercare hostels and training schemes.

A policy of sparing mentally disturbed offenders from prosecution and custody should be established, involving more medium-secure hospital beds and the safeguarding of local authority cash for community care provision, the report says.

David Evans, general secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "This manifesto provides a cohesive, constructive and rational way forward for penal policy."

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, also praised the recommendations. He said: "It should be required reading for Home Office ministers."

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said the report offered "a clear, principled and consistent set of remedies" to the penal system's problems.

Evans: praised report

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THE TIMES DEMOS

How are we to live? Ethics in an age of self-interest — by Peter Singer

PETER SINGER, best known for his book *Animal Liberation: A New Ethics for Our Treatment of Animals*, is one of the world's leading ethical philosophers. In his third Times/Demos Millennium lecture, he will speak about his latest book — *How Are We To Live? — Ethics in an age of self-interest* — explaining what he means by ethics and the impact that ethical choices have upon our own quality of life. Singer argues that people who take an ethical approach to life can find a deeper satisfaction in what they are doing than those people whose goals are narrower and more self-centred. In his forthcoming lecture, he will show that living a more ethical life can bring about far-reaching changes to one's life.

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DOUG MARKE

Gill Broughton swapped her supermarket overall, left, for a blue uniform as she joined colleagues in the Special Constabulary to enforce the law in Derby

Plumbers and shopworkers police city for a day

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

GILL BROUGHTON usually works at a supermarket till in Derby but yesterday her customers would have found her in police uniform, patrolling the streets as 70 part-time officers took responsibility for the entire city.

A special constable for eight years, Mrs Broughton policed a parade in the city during an eight-hour tour of duty in which she and her colleagues mounted foot and mobile patrols in place of regular officers. Although many forces make wide use of the part-timers, none is thought to have allowed them control of an area as large of Derby, with 300,000 residents over 160 square miles.

Regular officers were in the stations to provide back-up and others manned a quick-response car in case they were needed. In the first 90 minutes of the operation the specials attended 19 incidents, ranging from reports of noisy children to stolen cars and burglar alarms. They were also called out to a domestic dispute and checked a property after a report that burglars were at large. A spokeswoman for the force said specials had already been used to police a number of towns in Derbyshire. The decision to allow them to cover Derby had been taken to "show them we appreciate them and trust them".

Haydn Martin, Special Divisional Commandant, said he would be deploying officers aged from 18 to 55 with a wide range of backgrounds, including plumbers, sports coaches, computer trainers and factory managers.

They were to man all six areas in the police division, and would go to court today if required to after making arrests. Mr Martin, a special for 24 years, said many regular police officers had wished the part-timers good luck with the operation. Many specials go on to become regular officers.

Mrs Broughton, 46, a mother of two, said becoming a special had made up for her disappointment at not becoming a regular officer after leaving school. She finds part-time policing "a very rewarding job", and said that taking over the city would show the public what the 430 specials attached to the 1,800-strong Derbyshire force could do. The operation would help recruitment.

The Home Office is trying to recruit more specials, who have the same powers of arrest as regular officers. There are currently 20,000, all of them unpaid volunteers. In London they are often used to provide police cover for low-key public events and take over some suburban stations at weekends. They also man a boat on the Thames and act as radio operators for traffic cars.

Earlier this year Mike Carr, a special with the Hampshire force who is a secondary school teacher, was involved in the capture of an escaper from Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight.

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After 150 years, a nation defined by the aftermath of famine remembers the victims

Ireland confronts a painful past

A desperate search for potatoes in a stubble field

By Nicholas Watt
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND is confronting one of its most traumatic episodes with a series of exhibitions on both sides of the border to *mark the 150th anniversary of* the Great Famine.

The events are the first time that Ireland has publicly faced *up to the famine.* which claimed the lives of more than a million people between 1845 and 1849. Commentators say that the exhibitions and a series of television documentaries and dramas, which depict the devastating consequences *of the potato blight. highlight* Ireland's confidence as it undergoes social changes.

Ireland lost a quarter of its *eight million population when* successive failures of the potato harvest ravaged the coun*try's staple diet. As well as the* million who died. a further million fled abroad. The disaster helped to define Ireland's relationship with Britain. a tie eventually broken by independence.

Ireland's first *famine museum* is housed on a former Anglo-Irish estate in Co Roscommon where thousands of *tenant farmers died. The mu*seum forms the centrepiece of *the commemorations.* using papers recently uncovered from the Strokestown estate that catalogue the grim toll of death and the landlord's attempts to shed his responsibility by shipping hapless *tenants to north America.* By 1881 the population of the Strokestown estate had declined by 88 per cent. which *made it one of the worst* affected areas in the country.

The exhibition highlights *the gulf between the experi*ences of the desperate tenants and the lavish lifestyle of the Mahon family who lived amid *the grandeur of the 18th*-century Strokestown Park House. A *neatly written menu* for lobster soup sits uncomfortably close to the woefully inadequate offering of Soyer's Soup for tenants. a dish that provided only 10 per cent of the necessary daily intake of calories.

Vivid eyewitness accounts provide gruesome details of the suffering. Father Theobold Matthew wrote in August 1846: "I beheld with sorrow one wide waste of putrefying *vegetation. In many places the* wretched people were seated on the fences of their decaying gardens, wringing their hands and bewailing bitterly the destruction that has left them *foodless." The Mahon family.* who evicted 3,000 starving tenants from the Strokestown estate in the 1840s, paid the price of the Government's failure to relieve the poor when Major Denis Mahon, *the landlord, was shot dead by* locals in 1847.

The exhibition includes eight contrasting views of the murder, including one from Major Mahon's great-great-grandson, who now lives in *England. Nicholas Pakenham* Mahon, whose mother lived at Strokestown Park House until 1979, wrote to the museum to record his family's *sorrow* for those who died in "Ireland's greatest tragedy". *But he defended his ancestor's response* to the famine because the major received no worthwhile government help and had to rely on *his own resources.*

President Robinson supports the "moral act' of marking the famine and its evictions

Ireland's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the famine contrasts with virtual silence on the 100th anniversa*ry in* 1945. Luke Dodd, curator of Strokestown museum and one of Ireland's leading authorities on the famine, says *that the Republic's confidence* today means it no longer shies away from confronting darker moments of its history.

Mr Dodd also pays tribute to President Mary Robinson's central role in helping Ireland to face up to its cruel past. In a recent speech to a joint session of Parliament in Dublin the President described this year's *commemoration of the famine* as a "moral act".

Mr Dodd says that the Northern Ireland peace process. which has helped people to confront painful memories, has also enabled people to *recall other difficult episodes* of Irish history. "England has recognised its involvement in Irish life, and obviously not all *of that has been good."*

TV body assails 'family' advert

By Alexandra Frean
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AN ADVERTISEMENT for the McDonald's fast food chain in which a child engineers a meeting between his *estranged parents* has been *criticised* by broadcasting watchdogs as being in dubious taste.

The Independent Television *Commission* said it had received complaints about the commercial from 60 viewers who objected to the "exploitative use" of the "*emotive issue* of a child's attempts to reconcile his parents". Some complainants were also concerned *that the material might dis*tress children.

In its defence, McDonald's said it had consulted estranged *parents* before making the commercial so as to ensure a "sensitive and realistic portrayal". The *commis*sion warned advertisers that greater sensitivity was needed. "The advertisers had probably *underestimated* the extent to which their use of such an emotive issue would be regarded by many *viewers as in* questionable taste," it said.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Amphetamines may calm hyperactivity

RECENT rulings on school attendance have centred interest on the use of amphetamines to control the hyperactive child. *It is more than* 30 years since I last saw Peter but such was the impression left by my many visits to his home that I can still remember the address and even the ornaments above the fire.

Peter was only seven but he had made his *parents* nervous wrecks, especially as he slept for only a short time, and his younger siblings cowered in a corner when he was around.

The boy welcomed me like a long-lost uncle with hugs and kisses *but in no time had* emptied my pockets and medical bag. The consultation took place as he leapt from sofa to chair and brandished medical instruments as toys.

Peter suffered badly from what is known as attention deficit disorder (ADD), the group of symptoms which used to be called hyperactivity or hypokinesis. The condition was renamed because these descriptions applied only to the physical aspects, not the *psychological components.* As well as being hyperactive, the children are psychologically and *emotionally impulsive,* excitable and display pathological inattention when being taught.

Boys are ten times more likely to suffer from ADD than girls but the intellectual ability of the child is variable; *only 20 per cent would be des*cribed as retarded.

Some of the children who are recurrently excluded from school are *suffering not from* innate wickedness but from a varying degree of ADD. *Treatment, however,* is disappointing and the prognosis poor. The standard prescription is amphetamines. Recently, *Ritalin* (methylphenidate hydrochloride) has been the drug of choice. It works best when the child has a stable *home background and* has always to be combined with psychotherapy. The fact that amphetamines which pro*duce excitement in adults* can calm the hyperkinetic child is offered as evidence that the syndrome may have a physical basis *related to a neuro*transmitter abnormality.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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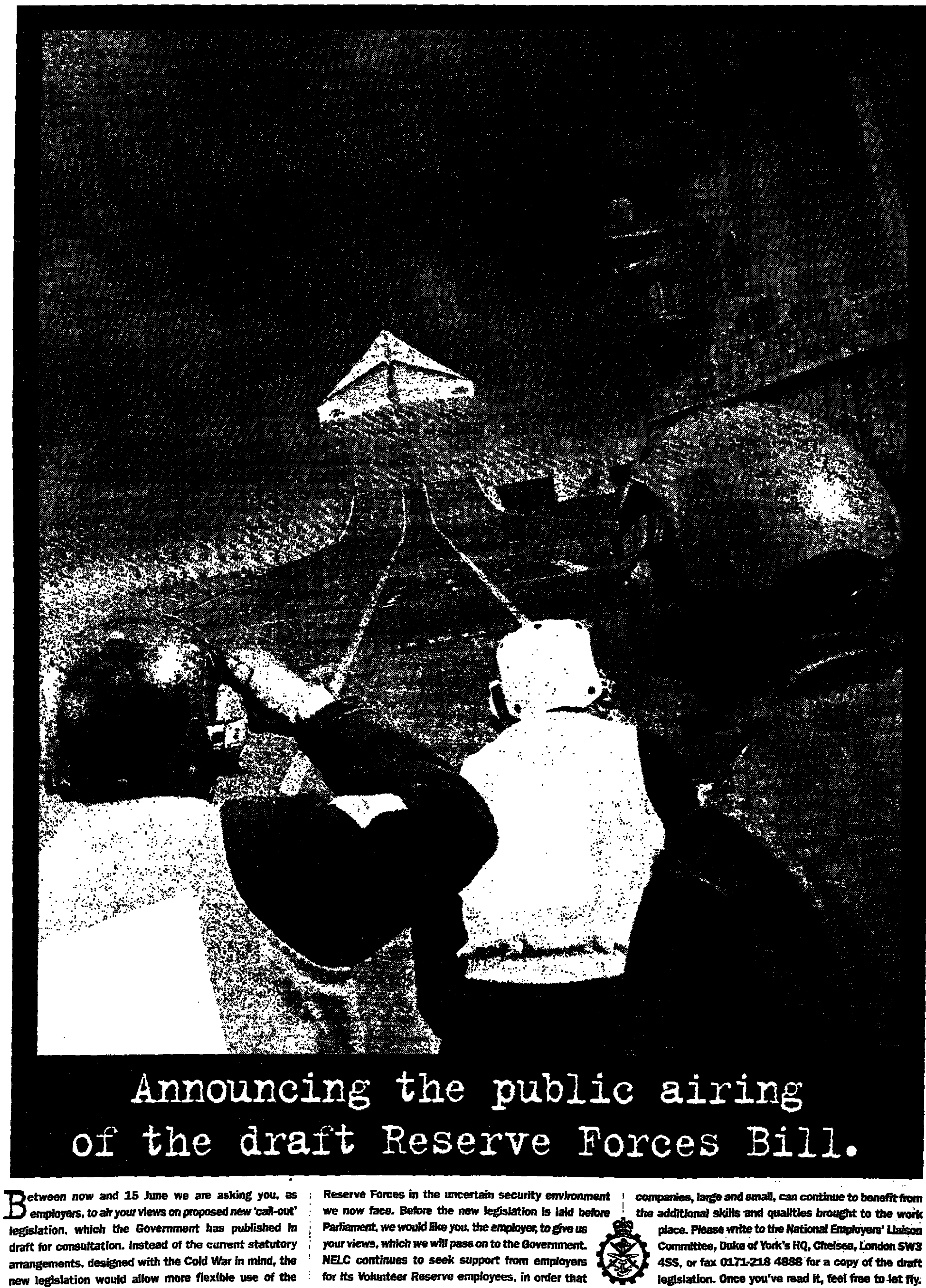

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BBC report signals new cost-cutting campaign

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

BBC staff are expecting a fresh round of programme cuts and job losses after an independent report commissioned by the corporation suggested new ways of saving money.

Details of the study, conducted by the consultants Coopers & Lybrand, have emerged as the effects of a severe cash squeeze across the corporation are beginning to be felt by programme-makers, who are expecting to have their annual budgets revised downwards this week. The report, called *Benchmarking Auntie*, says more cuts are inevitable because "external" factors, such as the cost of new technology, sports broadcasting rights and actors' fees, are rising faster than the rate of inflation, to which the BBC's income is pegged. "Efficiency improvements are the only way of ensuring that the BBC can fulfill its programme-making aspirations," it concludes.

Coopers & Lybrand compared the costs of £250 million of programming at the BBC with those at 30 rival producers and broadcasters, identifying "substantial" potential for cost improvements through job cuts. It says: "Sometimes staff were allocated to a programme for the whole production cycle when they were needed for only part of it ... the same considerations were applied to resource services; for example, was a fully fledged designer required for a simple sitcom?"

Wyatt: studying budgets

After five years of cost-cutting, during which the BBC's staff has fallen from 26,000 to 20,000, producers are furious at the report's suggestion of overstaffing. One senior executive said: "It may have been true three years ago but not any longer. Our budgets are as tight as they can be."

The study also highlights the tensions between producers and financial staff, which have been made worse over the past eight weeks by the introduction of an indefinite freeze on new programme commissions. "Programme-makers tend to regard their industry as unique and resist attempts to treat their programmes as products that can be analysed and categorised," the report says.

Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC Television, will meet John Birt, the director-general, early this week to decide whether programme budgets should be revised. Departments such as music and arts, drama, and documentaries, which have the most unscreened material in stock, are expected to bear the brunt of any cuts.

It is understood that a number of leading screenwriters, including Jimmy McGovern, creator of the ITV series *Cracker*, have written to Mr Wyatt to express concern about finances. The *Double Exposure* initiative for new screenwriters and a scheme to encourage black directors are among the drama projects likely to suffer.

Colin Browne, the BBC's director of corporate affairs, insisted yesterday that the commissioning freeze was a temporary measure to help the corporation meet its promise to the Government to reduce borrowing from £200 million two years ago to zero by the end of 1996. "It will not result in a bonanza of repeats," Mr Browne said.

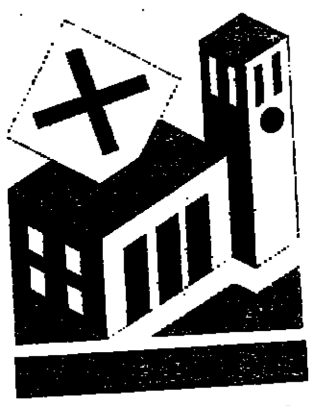
Wave of desertions leaves traditional favourites at a low ebb

JASON DAWSON

King's Lynn in Norfolk: more than one of the county's district councils could for the first time be won by Labour in next month's elections

Tweedy Norfolk turns its back on Tories

By Alice Thomson
Political Reporter



NO ONE has heard of Norfolk Man. While his Essex cousin was out making a Thatcherite name in his designer sportswear, Norfolk Man remained a solid, dependable tweed-clad Tory.

The county returned eminently sensible MPs such as Gillian Shephard, Richard Ryder and John MacGregor and was as unlikely to vote "socialist" as to trade in its Mini Metros for Porsches. But Norfolk has revolted and in the local elections next month several district councils could fall to Labour. Worse, leading Tory councillors have abandoned the Government and elected to stand as independents.

Roy Spencer, deputy leader of West Norfolk Council, is so fed up with the sleaze headlines that for the first time in 20 years he is standing as an independent rather than a Tory. At least nine colleagues — more than a quarter of the Tory group — have followed his example. Others are not even standing and in seven wards there is no opposition to Labour.

The councillors say they are still committed Tories and remain deeply suspicious of Tony Blair. Mr Spencer said: "I am furious with the Government. They bribe us with tax cuts; railway privatisation would be a disaster and they're even charging for prescriptions. Their fiscal and educational policies are all wrong and they are destroying the notion of families with their philandering. You want to knock their heads together. It will all end in tears with Mr Blair but I think people here would prefer to vote for a dog than a Tory at the moment."

He is angry at the Government's condescending attitude to local politics. "The Government don't give a damn about us. We do all the road-sweeping, refuse collection and explain away their silly reforms. Yet in West Norfolk our grant has been cut by 10 per cent."

Leslie Dutton, a councillor for 20 years and an agent at the last General Election, is proud of his local record. A former Army major standing as an Independent Tory, he said: "We've had new sewage treatment plants, a cohesive planning programme and a new fitness centre in West Norfolk and we have won endless awards. It's so depressing if people don't vote on our record but on the Government's ineptitude."

Iris Major, a councillor for 28 years who describes herself as a retired newsagent rather than Tory, said: "We have never been very political here. We are farmers and family people and very self-sufficient. We don't wash our dirty linen in public like they do up there. MPs nowadays only seem to care about being celebrities whereas the councillors here just want to improve things for their villagers."

Mos Evans, former general secretary of the TGWU and one of 18 Labour councillors, said: "The Liberal Democrats have never had a toehold here. We won the Euro-elections for the first time last year here, the county council is now hung and the country is in a mess. The Tories can't hide behind the Independent banner, they all have to take the blame."

Dutton: "Independent"

But former Tory councillors are optimistic that people will vote on personalities. In the pubs of North Wootton and South Wootton and the King's Lynn marketplace, people complain about fishing quotas, nurses' pay and education cuts but have few gripes about their district council.

If voted in, the independents say they will probably form an Independent Tory party and an outpost of "sane Toryism". Bryan Howling, the mayor, thinks they could pull it off: "Labour are too profligate for people down here. As long as Jeremy Hanley doesn't come sticking his nose in, we are in with a chance."

'Green' graves breathe life into nature

By Paul Wilkinson

THE first "green" burial has taken place in what is believed to be the world's only combined cemetery and nature reserve. No headstone marks the grave of Mike Thorp and the only floral tributes are the spring flowers growing beside his last resting place.

The family of the 53-year-old Yorkshireman, who died last month, hope his remains will help to nurture the rare plants that surround his burial plot in Gertrude's Pasture near Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Mr Thorp was one of an increasing number of people who see the end of their lives as the completion of a circle, returning to the earth.

Several local authorities, including Carlisle, Harrogate and Brighton, have set aside areas of their cemeteries for "green graves" without headstones or coffins, but the North Yorkshire nature reserve is the first complete 'return to the wild'. It was the idea of John Bradfield, 45, a former hospital social worker who believes people want an alternative to an ecologically unsound funeral in a regimented cemetery.

"Nature reserves and cemeteries complement each other," he said. "People are happy to know their relatives are in a beautiful setting, surrounded by rare plants and creatures, and possibly doing something to protect them."

The precise location of his 3.5-acre graveyard is kept secret to deter intrusive visitors. The field has cowslips, wild orchids, butterflies and all three species of British newts. Relatives are asked to bury their dead in a biodegradable cardboard coffin or, better still, a simple sheet. They can involve themselves in the burial from digging the grave to placing the body in it. A religious service is optional.

The legal aspect, according to Mr Bradfield, is "a grey area". Permission is not required for burials on the deceased's own land but a formal record must be kept. A lengthy correspondence with the Harrogate planning authorities has so far failed to produce a definite opinion.

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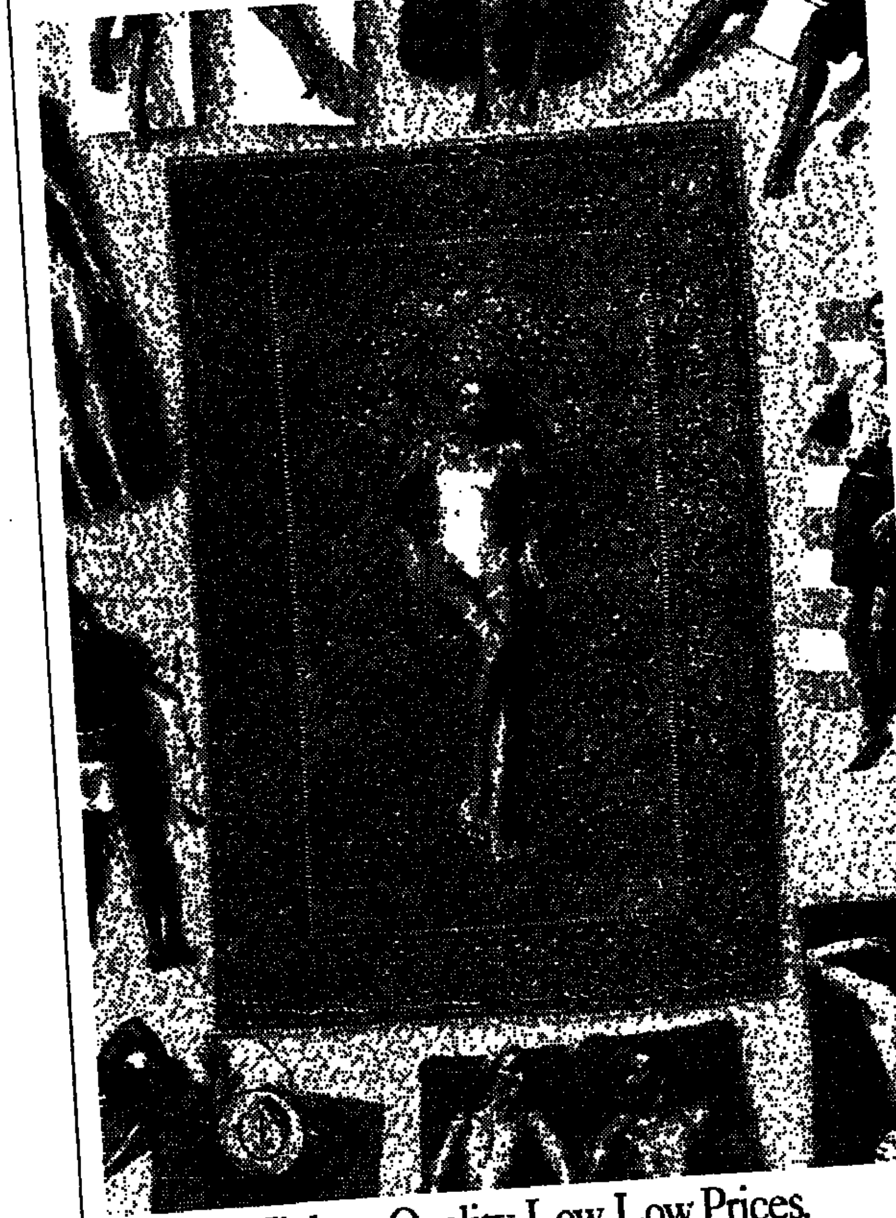

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Dam plan threat to Stone Age art site in Portugal

From Edward Owen in Madrid

A SCHEME unveiled by the main Portuguese electricity company to hack apart the world's largest site of open-air Stone Age art to continue building a huge hydro-electric dam was described at the weekend as "ludicrous" by one of the world's leading experts on rock art.

At midnight tonight, Portuguese archaeologists begin a six-month protest in Lisbon against the Côa dam which is being constructed in northeast Portugal. The Electricidade de Portugal (EDP) scheme owes more to the film *Jurassic Park* than serious scientific research. EDP proposes to cut out those etchings in granite, about a third of the total, and move them above the water line. The great majority, on flakey schist, will be covered in "an impermeable" coating "to protect them" and will be monitored by mini-submarines with cameras.

Alongside the dam, the EDP would build "a palaeolithic village" — although such villages probably never existed — a museum, visitors' centre, palaeolithic park and replicas of the Mongolian ponies, goats and aurochs (primitive cattle) depicted by the etchings. "The very beautiful valley would be desecrated by this scheme. It is quite ludicrous. The etchings will be destroyed," said Paul Bahn, a British author of books on archaeology and one of the world's foremost experts on rock art. "We only have six of these sites in the whole world and this is by far the most extensive. We still know next to nothing about this totally new phenomenon.

"We don't know where the occupation sites are, we have to study why they put particular figures in particular places, and how they are distributed in the landscape. But it's going to be destroyed at a stroke before we can even start on that," he said.

Mr Bahn said he had consulted fellow experts who had monitored a similar scheme on the Yenisey river in Siberia. "Once you put these things under water they will be destroyed," he said. "I don't see how they can make these fragile rocks impermeable if they are going under 100 metres of water. These great reservoirs build up a metre and a half of sediment a year. The water erodes the soil that holds the rocks in place so the whole thing disintegrates."

Since the existence of the 20,000-year-old paintings became public knowledge last November, a movement has grown to stop the dam and, with a general election due in October, it has already become an issue in the campaign. President Soares, the Socialist President, is in favour of preservation but the ruling centre-right Social Democrat Party (SDP), led by Anibal Cavaco Silva, the Prime Minister, dismisses the ancient art as an impediment to progress. Many members of Senhor Cavaco Silva's Government, including Luis Mira Amaral, the Minister of Industry and Energy, have worked for EDP.

The company has so far failed to provide the Portuguese media with a feasibility study that justifies building the dam.

The foundations of the 700ft-high structure have already been laid and water will back up the Côa valley for more than ten miles, submerging 3,716 acres of land, including the Stone Age art and one of Portugal's finest port vineyards, the Quinta Erva Moira.

Official figures show that the Côa dam is not needed and that existing natural gas pipelines from North Africa will supply at least one new power station with others on the drawing board. There is also a trend towards building mini hydro-electric plants.

The EDP admits that the dam will only produce a fifth of the energy obtained from other hydro-electric dams on the Douro. But it claims that its reservoir will back up supplies to the nearest generating station, 60 miles away, in the event of drought and relieve the arid south by pipeline.

The Government is belatedly forming an international commission of experts, as recommended by Unesco, to investigate the historic site. But there is evidence that work on the dam has recently accelerated rather than slowed down, as requested by Unesco.

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Winner Denktas faces test of peace

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

SMILING from the balcony of his presidential palace, Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, thanked cheering supporters who helped to secure his third term as President of the unrecognised mini-state he founded 12 years ago.

"I am honoured and I feel proud to be in your service," said Mr Denktas after the election on Saturday. "My mission is to make 1996 a year of peace and settlement and there are sufficient elements on the table to ensure this."

The United Nations will now put him to the test as it leads another attempt to reunite Cyprus under a federal system. The United States wants a solution to improve relations between the Nato members, Greece and Turkey. The European Union will play a strong role, after its agreement last month to begin talks on membership for Cyprus. Turkey wants the problem solved to further its EU aspirations and for the first time refused to back Mr Denktas in the elections.

Diplomats believe Mr Denktas may be more pliable after the elections weakened his authority. While he won 62.48 per cent of Saturday's vote, comfortably beating Dervis Eroglu, his right-wing rival, he was forced for the first time to fight a second round after failing to win more than 50 per cent last week. Mr Denktas also faces growing disenchantment over the economy, with inflation topping 200 per cent, tourism down, and vital citrus exports no longer accepted by the EU.

Alessandra Mussolini, the pregnant grand-daughter of Benito Mussolini, Italy's wartime Fascist dictator, leaves a polling station in Rome with her mother, Maria Scicolone, after casting her vote in yesterday's regional elections. The polls, which were held in 15 regions, are seen as the first big test of political support since Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon, resigned as Prime

Mussolini swells vote

Minister last December after seven stormy months in office. Counting will begin today. Signor Berlusconi, who was forced to stand down when the Northern League pulled out of his Government, is hoping for a convincing win for his Freedom Alliance to press his case for a snap general election in June. His opponents do not want an election until at least October, however. Newspapers said that a clear victory for Signor Berlusconi would put pressure on Lamberto Dini, his successor, to resign and on President Scalfaro to dissolve parliament. "Whoever wins in a clear manner 'gets to choose' the date," *La Stampa* said.

Japanese cult chief stabbed

Tokyo: A leading member of Aum Shinrikyo, the religious cult implicated in the poison gas attack on Tokyo's subway system, was critically injured last night in a knife attack by a right-wing activist (Gwen Robinson writes).

Hideo Murai, 36, the leader of the cult's science team and its "minister of science and technology", was stabbed three times with a 6in knife by a man named as Hirouko Jo, 29, an ethnic Korean, at the entrance of the Aum Shinrikyo headquarters in the Tokyo suburb of Minami-Aoyama.

Attack boosts Aznar's ratings

Madrid: The popularity of José María Aznar, 43, leader of Spain's right-wing Popular Party, has almost doubled since he survived an Eta car bomb attack last week (Edward Owen writes). A snap poll for *El País* forecasts that in a general election his party would win 33.3 per cent of the vote (26.5 per cent last month) and the ruling Socialists would gain 14.3 per cent (19.6 per cent last month).

Palestinians call for court closure

Gaza City: Palestinian human rights activists are urging the self-rule authority led by Yassir Arafat to abolish a security court that tries Muslim militants late at night behind closed doors (Ben Lynfield writes). The Gaza court has handed down six sentences this month against those linked with attacks on Israeli targets, but opponents said not one defence witness had been able to give evidence.

French soldier hurt in blast

Sarajevo: A French soldier was wounded yesterday morning in an explosion in Sarajevo, a day after three French peacekeepers were killed as they defused expired ammunition. "We don't know whether it was a booby trap or a mine," a United Nations spokesman said. (*Reuter*)

Mahathir heads for victory in free and unfair election

Mahathir: the economy makes him unbeatable

From Christopher Thomas
in Kuala Lumpur

OVER the next two days, millions of Malaysians will queue at polling stations to play out a piece of electoral theatre. Everyone already knows the outcome: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister, will win handsomely. He always does.

The game is played like real politics, as if the results of all general elections since independence in 1957 were not as inevitable as afternoon rain in Kuala Lumpur. For 14 years, Dr Mahathir has dominated Malaysia, which has become, like him, assertive and arrogant in success. At 69, and with an heir-apparent lined up, his fourth election win may be his last. He intends winning big. State machinery has been mobilised to ensure a crushing victory and Dr Mahathir says he will resign if he gets fewer than two thirds of parliamentary seats. It is probably not a bluff, because two thirds is vital for amending the constitution and being able to stamp on serious opposition. Less than that would be a kind of defeat, and certainly a political humiliation.

The election is free, unrigged and unfair. It is loaded blatantly and massively against challengers, all of whom have acknowledged that they do not have a prayer. Lim Kit Siang, the opposition leader, says it is the most "unfair and unclean" poll in Malaysian history. Hyperbole aside, he has a point. The state television monopoly makes not the slightest pretence of impartiality and the emasculated press gives little access to the opposition. With public rallies banned, there is scant opportunity for opposition parties to spread their message. It is almost as if they did not exist.

Dr Mahathir's slogan is "vision, justice and efficiency" — not catchy, but at least believable. Opposition parties deny there is justice, since they are shut out of a cowed media, but nobody can deny that vision and efficiency have transformed a mosquito-infested swamp into an economic power. Money is what Malaysia is about: Kuala Lumpur's streets are lined with new office blocks and jammed with BMWs, Mercedes and Jaguars.

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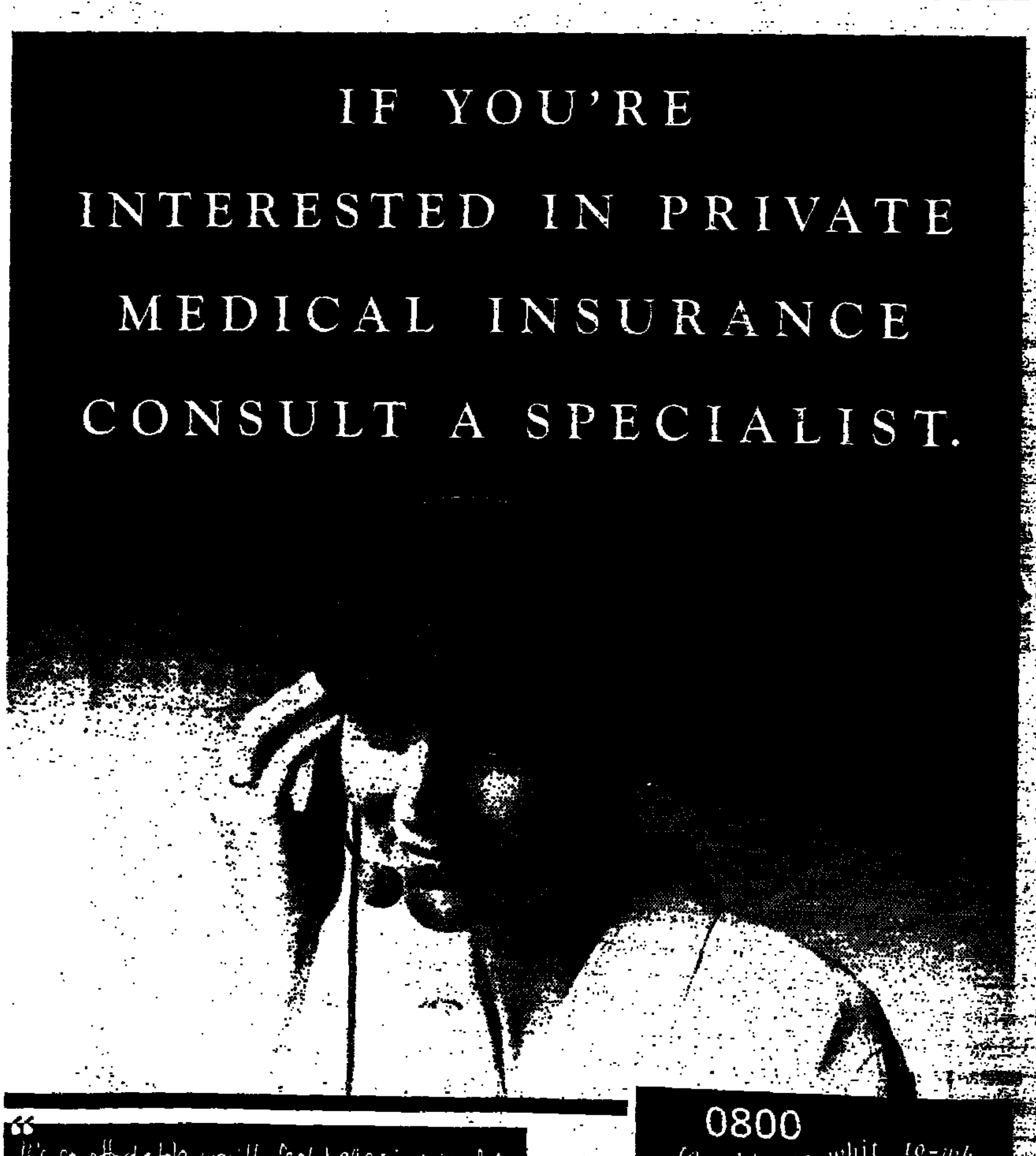
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FROM CHARLES BREMNER AND ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRENCH ELECTION

NOW that France's presidential battle has been reduced by yesterday's election to a duel of champions, voters may finally be given a clearer picture of the one great issue evaded by all main candidates: the shape of the European Union.

Bent on marshalling the maximum vote, Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, and Jacques Chirac and Edouard Balladur, the Gaullists, picked their way through the European minefield, singing a similar pro-European but anti-federal chorus with varying qualifications.

The only candidates to focus on the topic were those of the anti-Maastricht extreme right, Jean-Marie Le Pen and Philippe de Villiers. Europe had "shone by its absence" from the campaign, Laurent Cohen-Tanugi, a leading lawyer, complained in *Le Monde*. "Each candidate claims to favour a strong Europe and its expansion. But none has dared to explain how these objectives might be reconciled without reinforcing the federalist dimension."

The most blatant ambiguity has been deployed by M Chirac, who looks like battling it out with M Balladur for second place. His skill at pleasing both Euro-sceptics and the pro-Maastricht camp may now be put to the test as he faces open debate with an opponent who will try to call his bluff.

M Chirac, who was a late and lukewarm convert to the Maastricht treaty, is promising to make France great again, while "reconciling the French with one another about Europe and reconciling the French with Europe". This is a nod to the undercurrent of Euro-scepticism which manifests itself whenever France focuses on the sacrifices that deeper union will require. Polls show that there is a majority in favour of the Union but, questioned on the detail, a majority also opposes the concessions required.

In tune with this confusion, M Chirac is committed to monetary union, common policies in defence and foreign affairs and to special partnership with Germany. At the same time he has promised — in almost British Conservative Tory terms — to curb the powers of the Brussels Commission and the European Parliament and guard France's sovereignty.

Even M Chirac's own advisers acknowledge privately that this amounts to having it both ways. All insiders know that a deeper and enlarged union will inevitably mean giving up some of the powers which France cherishes in favour of the more federal structure demanded by Germany. The alternative would be a "free-trade zone", the local code phrase for the kind of EU favoured by Britain and its northern allies.

M Jospin, who is supported by Jacques Delors, the former Commission President, is committed to the standard panoply of union.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the candidates will try to evade the touchy matter of Germany and their approach to next year's Intergovernmental Conference on mapping the future of the Union. Although they all hail the importance of the Paris-Bonn bond, none of the candidates comes close to accepting the federal ideas promoted by Chancellor Kohl.

As Alain Dauvergne, foreign editor of *Le Point* magazine, noted: "Once the new President is installed, he will have to face up to reality, for Europe's rendezvous with destiny in 1996 is nigh".

Monks from the Monts des Cats Abbey, in northern France, vote in the first round of the presidential elections

Bonn MP attacks debate over war

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

HUNDREDS of concentration camp survivors, some of them wearing their old blue and white uniform caps and shawls, applauded yesterday as a senior German politician urged Bonn to end the "senseless debate" about whether Germany should celebrate the end of the war as a liberation or mourn it as a national tragedy.

Dr Rita Süssmuth, the influential Speaker of the German parliament, was addressing former inmates of Ravensbrück outside Berlin on the fiftieth anniversary of the liberation of the only all-female concentration camp on German soil.

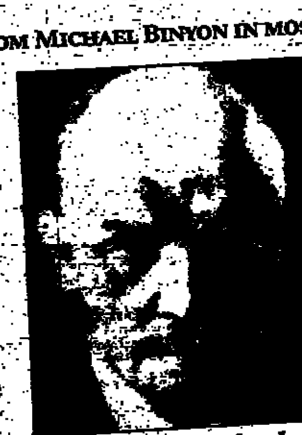
Dr Süssmuth recalled that she was only eight years old at the end of the war and her first impressions were of German suffering. Only later, she said, did she fully grasp the scope of German crimes against Jews, Poles, Gypsies and others. "That is why I say there should be an end to the attempts to balance somehow the great suffering, the ghastly atrocities inflicted by the Hitler regime with other injustices. We should not confuse cause and effect," she said.

Women, the victims of Ravensbruck, should mobilise themselves against the "new nationalism, the new anti-semitism and racism", she said.

☐ **Sachsenhausen:** Homosexuals yesterday used their first chance to speak at ceremonies marking the liberation of Nazi concentration camps to demand justice for thousands persecuted solely for being gay. More than 5,000 homosexual men were sent to Nazi camps; an estimated 3,000 of them died. *(Reuter)*

Vibrant Moscow turns its back on Lenin's memory

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW



Lenin: honoured only by old and faithful

UNFURLING red flags, chanting old slogans and waving banners denouncing perestroika as the work of the devil, knots of elderly Communist faithful gathered at the remaining statues of Lenin in Moscow and St Petersburg to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Soviet state's founder.

In shabby clothes and reedy voices, they reaffirmed their faith in the dictatorship of the proleteriat and the state control of property. But apart from the rival factions of his once powerful party, temporarily reunited in homage, Lenin was ignored on a birthday which a decade ago would have dominated newspapers, television, and obligatory rallies.

Russians instead thronged the newly restored churches whose bells again rang out the Orthodox Easter message. Many more crowded the streets of the capital, browsing, bargaining, shopping, filling the hundreds of restaurants, bars and open-air cafés that have sprung up.

To Communist eyes and to anyone returning after only 18 months, Moscow is barely recognisable. The overall impression is an explosion of energy, colour, commerce and development. Private shops now break up the bleak facades of monumental buildings. Underpasses have been transformed into glittering arcades. Boutiques offer fashion and fad. The latest Western videos, cosmetics, foodstuffs, clothes and kitchenware are on abundant display.

More fundamental transformations are altering the city landscape. A tiny, immaculate onion-domed church, toy-like in scale, has been re-erected on the foundations of its historic predecessor torn down by the Communists. Old buildings used as warehouses that had fallen into disrepair have been stripped to their facades and are being meticulously transformed.

Everywhere there is colour, traffic, bustle and purpose. While beggars, *babushki* and the battered losers in the new Moscow make a sorry contrast, a fearless younger generation walks with nonchalance and confidence. Even the street furniture in the city centre heralds a rebirth: new lamps, benches, pavements and flowerbeds.

Russians living through the changes admit that they are confused by the speed of construction. "I try to walk through the centre at least once a week to see what's new," one said.

The Communists and angry pensioners focus on the areas left out of the boom: the suburbs, the high-rise housing estates, the run-down hospitals and government offices. But their calls for a return to the old days fall on deaf ears. Central Moscow is too busy making money to listen.

Russia slows down Chechenia offensive

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIAN helicopter gunships fired on the key rebel stronghold of Bamut in western Chechenia at the weekend but ground troops made no fresh attempts to take the heavily fortified village.

The Interfax news agency said that four helicopters raided the bastion, 30 miles southwest of Grozny, the capital. The reports about fresh fighting came a day after Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, had offered to start talks with the rebels on an unconditional ceasefire and proclaim an amnesty to all those who had "been deceived" into joining the armed uprising.

Mr Chernomyrdin's message, read out by his deputy, Nikolai Semyonov, at a conference in Grozny, said there would be no preconditions and no repression after a ceasefire. But he told Interfax that the war in the Caucasus republic would probably peter out by the end of the month, with the main pockets of resistance crushed. Mr Chernomyrdin, who expressed strong doubts about the use of force at the start of the Chechen operation, said it was pointless to carry out military action in the mountains where remaining rebels were being driven. Moscow clearly has an eye on the forthcoming VE-Day commemorations.

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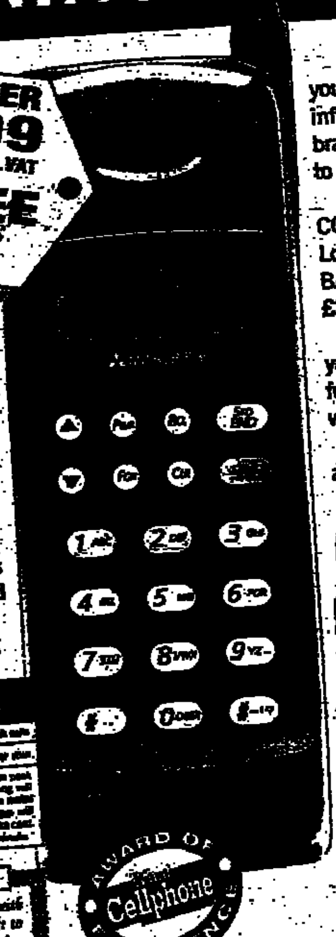

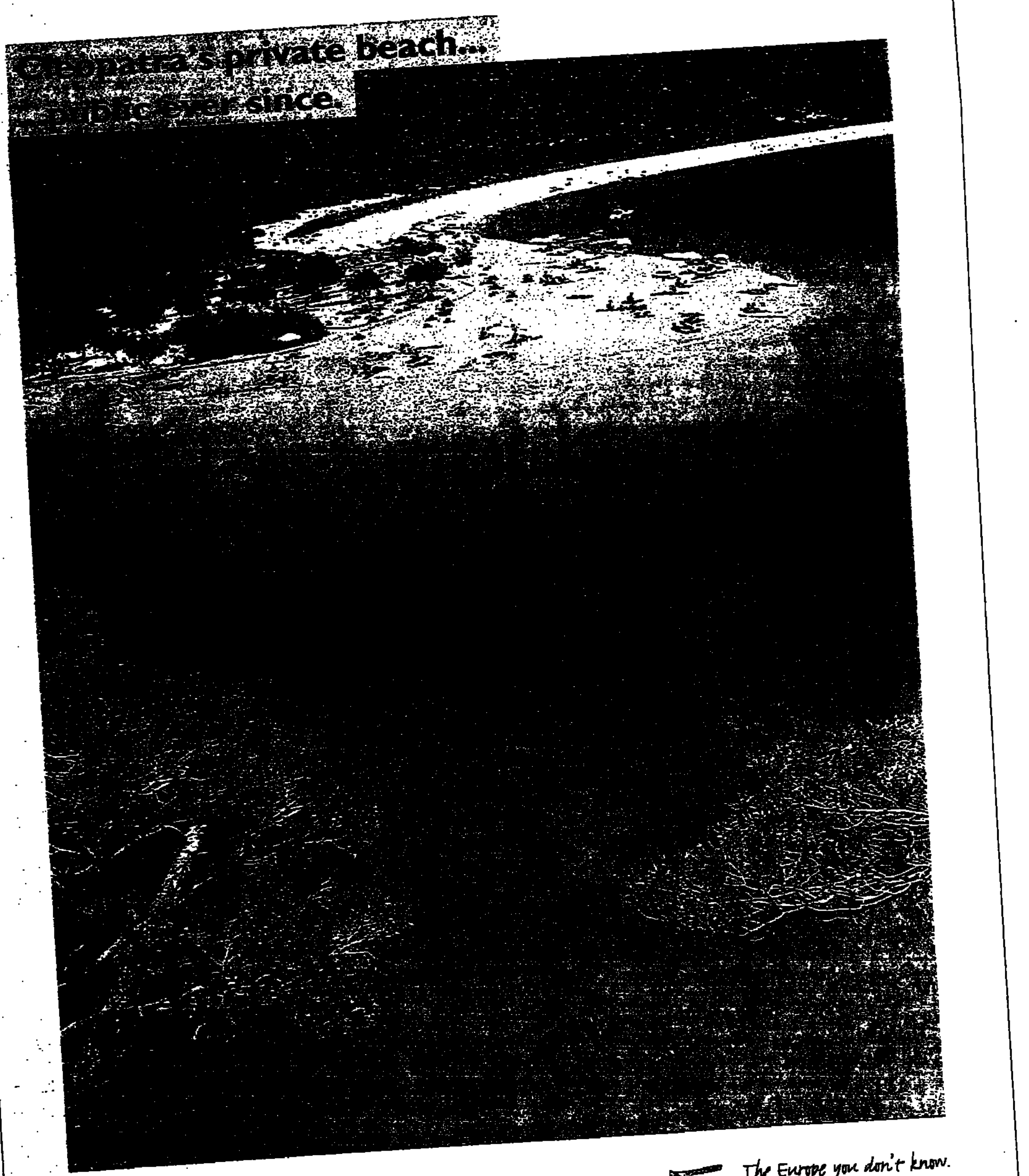

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Search for alien scapegoats leads Americans into their own backyard

From Ben Macintyre
in Oklahoma City

THE ENEMY WITHIN

ON THURSDAY night. America went to sleep with the depressing assumption that the nation had been attacked by evil foreigners. On Friday it awoke to the terrifying news that the worst terrorist attack on US soil was probably the work of Americans.

The shock of that realisation. as the authorities launched a huge investigation into the right-wing paramilitary groups that dot the American hinterland. has redoubled the psychological blast of the Oklahoma bombing. The assumption that Middle Eastern terrorists were responsible for the attack was immediate and widespread: within hours, television stations announced that two "dark-complexioned" men were being sought by the authorities. With palpable embellishment, some even reported that the suspects were wearing Arabic clothing.

One tasteless cartoonist depicted a singed and battered Uncle Sam in front of a line-up of suspects: the Palestinian terrorist, the mad mullah, the Iraqi dictator were all there. But of the white, male American there was not a sign.

The news that the suspects were almost archetypal products of America — an army veteran from upstate New York, linked with a Michigan farmer and his brother — left the media, and America as a whole, temporarily stunned.

Computer users crowded on to the Internet in record numbers to mourn the dead and condemn the killers, but also to express the unique brand of aggressive paranoia that is the hallmark of many far-right paramilitary groups now linked to the attack. The conspiracy theorists are already hard at work, attempting to prove that the bombing was the work of the despised federal Government itself.

Some of the whackier conspiracy theories now hurtling across electronic bulletin boards claim that the US Government planted the bomb on the second anniversary of the Waco siege to frame the Branch Davidian cult or to destroy documentary evidence that would have proved the cult's members were murdered by the FBI.

The opposing view was equally vehement: "The people responsible for this cowardly, inhuman, selfish, distorted, insane act are from this country and allied with the pistol-packing, penis-envying, NRA [National Rifle Association] knuckle-draggers who espouse the pseudo-religious claptrap of the anti-abortion, anti-government radically reactionary conservative right-wing militia located in Oklahoma and Idaho and just about every other state," pronounced one enraged Internet user.

However, the right-wing militias and anti-Government protesters have become well-known figures, widely tolerated and in many cases actively supported by the public. Even if their extremist rhetoric is regarded as far-fetched, many Americans would not deny a sneaking sympathy for their anti-tax stance, opposition to central authority and a determination to protect the right to bear arms.

The Islamic terrorist working to undermine the state has become an easy hate-figure in America since the Gulf War and the World Trade Centre bombing. One caller to a radio talk show in New York said: "To those idiot skunks who call in and want an apology because we assumed it might be Arabs … what reasonable person would not come to that conclusion?" Terrorism is partly about symbolism and the response to it is also about stereotypes. The Washington Post considered it "an irony that suspicion in the bombing went from one stereotype (all Muslim men are potential terrorists) to another (all right-wing white males as prospective bombers and killers)".

It is more than ironic, but tragic if Americans come to regard their neighbours as their most immediate threats, in a society already riven by race and class.

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Broken toys and pictures spur on hunt for children

From Tom Rhodes in Oklahoma City and Martin Fletcher in Washington

RESCUE

THEY described it as a night without end. Hundreds of relatives waited silently for news that their child, mother or father had somehow survived the Oklahoma City bomb attack.

While rescuers continued their painstaking search in the ruins of the Alfred Murrah Federal Building yesterday, frustrated by driving rain and structural damage, few believed they had any chance of finding a living soul.

The remains of the children's day centre on the second floor, the most poignant symbol of the city's grief, was expected to be uncovered by early evening, bringing with it the prospect of yet more horrifying images of death.

Toys and finger paintings had said it all. They were discovered as firemen and volunteers picked their way through the rain-drenched rubble and twisted metal. "It's hard to describe really," said Jon Hansen, the assistant fire chief, as he held up a crushed red lorry. "Having kids in there is on all our minds. I just hope there may be a child who is still alive. This broken toy is a symbol of the broken hearts of Oklahoma."

More bodies were identified yesterday, including Zackery Chavez, a three-year-old who died before he could play with the building blocks he loved.

Others were still missing, including Aaron Coverdale, five, and his brother, Elijah, two. At the First Christian Church, their father Keith, a lorry driver, carried a photograph taken the previous week of his sons dressed up for Easter. "They were together in life and if, in fact, they are gone, they are together now," he said, his eyes filled with tears. "If they are dead, I will bury them in the same coffin."

Hundreds of relatives sat silently, holding hands in solidarity as the names of more dead were read out at the church. Officials have been careful not to release the name of anyone not previously identified but the tired faces of all present showed that hope was fading fast in every quarter of the city. Wearing gloves and oxygen masks as protection from the shards of metal and glass and the decaying bodies, the rescue teams' efforts were blocked at every turn.

First the lightning and rain had halted the use of heavy cranes and, by morning, it was discovered that parts of the building were so wet, they were impenetrable.

Time-lapse cameras showed that the cracks in the devastated building had grown and there were fears that the water collecting on top of the rubble might cause a further collapse.

The prime suspect in the bombing attack, Timothy McVeigh, was within an hour of being released from police custody for minor unrelated charges last Friday when co-ordinators of America's largest manhunt connected him with the investigation.

Ninety minutes after last Wednesday's explosion, Mr McVeigh was stopped for speeding on a highway about 60 miles north of Oklahoma City. As the officer, Charles Hanger, approached Mr McVeigh's car he noticed that it had no registration plate. He also discovered that Mr McVeigh was carrying a knife and a gun, and arrested him.

Mr McVeigh was held at the nearby town of Perry overnight. Normally he would have been released on bail the following day, but the judge was busy with another trial. On Thursday evening the FBI issued composite sketches of him and another suspect. By Friday morning, Mr McVeigh had been identified by a caller. A rapid search of a national computer database showed that a Timothy McVeigh was being held in Perry and the FBI reached the town and detained him just as his bail hearing was about to begin.

"He came desperately close to making bail," said Mark Gibson, the assistant District Attorney in Perry.

Jon Hansen, the assistant fire chief of Oklahoma City, briefs journalists in the rain at the weekend

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Members of the extremist Michigan Militia, which has been linked to the Oklahoma bombing investigation, on a training exercise

Rambos with a consuming hate of the FBI

By Ben Macintyre

MILITIAS

ON A mountaintop in Idaho last winter, a Vietnam veteran with a knife in his belt and a fanatical light in his eyes, told me that Armageddon was imminent and the federal government deserved whatever was coming to it.

"As the tide of government rises, I think we're on the high ground here, don't you?" he observed menacingly. This was James "Bo" Gritz, founder of a paramilitary "patriot Christian" community dedicated to self-defence against the federal government, model for the film character Rambo and perhaps the most prominent spokesman for the far-right political movement throughout the United States.

When Waco erupted, Mr Gritz was at the forefront of the debate, condemning the "terrorist" actions of the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms. Since the Oklahoma bombing he has appeared on national television to condemn the slaughter, while reiterating his virulent anti-government message. As he said last year: "The tyrants who ordered the assaults on Waco should be tried and executed as traitors."

The militias that have sprung up in about 23 states across the United States, from Florida to California, represent a new and potent incarnation of an ancient theme. The movement is composed of many strands: at the legitimate end it is concerned with protecting individual liberties, most importantly the right to bear arms, but at the other it embraces a motley collection of white supremacists, paramilitary paranoids, right-wing anarchists, anti-semites, weapons fanatics and tax evaders. Most are entirely composed of whites, and their common thread is a hatred of the federal government.

Since the 1993 siege at Waco, Texas, and recent efforts to impose federal gun control, the militia movement has gathered recruits at an astonishing rate.

The militias have, however, denounced the Oklahoma bombing. Norman Olson, the head of the Northern Michigan Regional Militia, the group to which the men detained last week have been linked, described the bombers as "unbalanced", but he also attacked the Government for declaring what he called "open season on legal militias".

The Michigan Militia claims that two of the three men now being held by the authorities were ejected from the group for extremism. The FBI is now exploring links between Timothy McVeigh, the prime suspect, and the Arizona Patriots, one of the most violent paramilitary groups in the country. The Michigan Militia, which is split into four regional groups across the state, requires its estimated 12,000 members to own a gun and ammunition; they must pledge a willingness to die in the defence of their liberties and never allow themselves to become "prisoners of war".

The heady brew of extremist rhetoric, worship of weaponry and loathing of centralised government is a volatile one. Citing the Oklahoma bombing as proof, officials now say an explosion of some sort was bound to happen, as surely as putting a spark to fertiliser and fuel oil.

Loner who never forgave authorities for Waco

By Tom Rhodes

SUSPECT

THE picture that emerges of Timothy James McVeigh, the man charged with the Oklahoma bombing, is of a loner, a drifter and a paranoid who never travelled without a gun and whose hatred for the Government found its most virulent expression after federal agents killed members of the Branch Davidian sect in Waco, Texas, in 1993.

The Gulf War veteran had kissed the ground in Waco and returned to Decker, Michigan, fuelled by a deep-seated hatred for those involved. "Tim was fresh back from Desert Storm, and he thought he did a great job for the Government," said Phil Morawski, a farming neighbour of Mr McVeigh's associates, Terry and James Nichols, both of whom are being questioned in custody. "It seemed to have a very negative effect."

The FBI have sealed any records relating to the crewcut figure who celebrated his twenty-seventh birthday in an El Reno jail yesterday, but former schoolfriends described him as a handsome teenager, high-school track athlete, churchgoer and enterprising student with a vivid imagination.

"When he was ten, he would build haunted houses and charge other children to visit," said Pat Waugh, a former neighbour in the northern suburbs of Pendleton, New York, where Mr McVeigh spent his childhood. Timothy McVeigh's parents divorced while he was young, and attending the Starpoint High School in Lockport. The 1986 school yearbook presented him as the all-American boy, whose plans included "taking it as it comes, buying a Lamborghini, and meeting California girls".

He is believed to have joined the army in 1989 and trained at Fort Riley, Kansas, before being sent to the Gulf as a gunner. When he returned, Mr McVeigh would boast of his role in the expulsion of Iraqi forces from Kuwait and he was said by fellow soldiers to have been "desperately disappointed" when he failed a combat course for the Special Forces because of injury.

McVeigh: served as a gunner in Gulf War

President seizes chance to emphasise his relevance

By Martin Fletcher

CLINTON

THE Oklahoma bombing has resolved for good the question President Clinton was forced to confront during a White House press conference the previous night — was he still relevant as a political leader?

From the moment the bomb went off, America looked to him, not to Newt Gingrich or Robert Dole, to rally the nation and articulate its anger and grief. It was he who ordered the biggest manhunt in US history, and he who devoted all available federal resources to the search for survivors. Three of the four main television networks had declined to broadcast Mr Clinton's news conference last Tuesday, but they now seize on his every word.

Mr Gingrich, the House Speaker, flew to Oklahoma City on Saturday, pre-empting by 24 hours Mr Clinton's visit yesterday, but otherwise the Republican leaders who had so monopolised the political debate since snatching control of Congress last November have been eclipsed.

Mr Clinton has used this unexpected opportunity well. On Saturday he summoned the children of government workers to the White House to assure them of their safety, which was a little over the top, but he has mostly come across as angry but resolute, dignified, presidential and very much in charge. He boldly vowed that the bombers would be swiftly brought to justice and for once he has enjoyed some luck, the FBI achieving breakthroughs with astonishing dispatch.

Mr Clinton, who has spent the past few weeks seeking to portray the Republicans as extremists, may also benefit from the bombing's longer-term political fallout.

Mr Gingrich had, with some justification, been portraying the federal Government as inimical to the people's interests, but that view has now lost ground as a result of the publicity surrounding the bombing.

The Republicans have been vilifying exactly the sort of government bureaucrats who died in the Alfred Murrah Building and are now seen as martyred public servants. They are seeking to return power to the states, yet no state could have mounted the astonishing nationwide manhunt of the past five days, or the impressive federal relief effort.

They had been planning to repeal last year's ban on semi-automatic weapons, but that now appears politically impossible because opposition to gun controls has been the militias' chief rallying cry.

Mr Gingrich responded furiously when a reporter suggested his attacks on government bureaucrats may have helped to create the climate for the bombing. The Speaker, red-faced with anger, called the suggestion "grotesque and offensive".

Whitewater interviews

Washington: President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were each questioned under oath for about two hours at the weekend by Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor (Martin Fletcher writes). The interviews were held in the private quarters of the White House.

Abner Mikva, the White House counsel who was also present, would not discuss details. Inquiries concern alleged illegal campaign funds when Mr Clinton was Governor of Arkansas in the 1980s. The Clintons have denied any wrongdoing.

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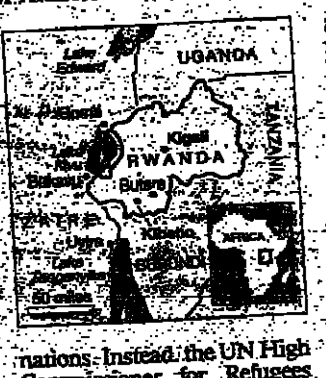
Rwanda massacre reveals extent of vengeful hysteria

By Sam Kiley, Africa Correspondent



KIBEHO camp, site of the weekend massacres in which the Rwandan Patriotic Army killed up to 8,000 Hutus, was a "pressure cooker destined to blow", one Western diplomat said yesterday.

The camp, in which Hutu militiamen were active, was a permanent threat to the Tutsi-dominated government army, whose fellow tribesmen were the main victims in last year's genocide, when a million people died.

The Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA) had enjoyed a reputation of being one of Africa's most disciplined forces. That image now lies shattered after the slaughter by the RPA of Hutus, many of them women and children, in a fit of vengeful panic and hysteria, and the subsequent stampedes. The killing is likely to continue as the soldiers begin to search for Hutu militiamen who disappeared into the countryside during the massacre.

The tragedy of Kibeho also reflects the continued failure of the United Nations and international community to confront the reality that, after last year's genocide, Rwanda's Hutus and Tutsis may never be able to live alongside each other without protection from an independent force.

Hutu refugees in Zaire and Tanzania have made it clear that they intend to return to their country by violence and, as one of their leaders said, "finish the job of cleaning out the Tutsis".

A UN appeal last year to send a 7,000-strong policing force to break the hold that extremists have over the mass of Hutus was rejected by 60 nations. Instead the UN High Commissioner for Refugees has hired Zaire's corrupt Presidential Guard as security officers at less than £2 per man a day.

Some of the leading planners of the genocide continue to agitate inside the camps, organise cross-border incursions into Rwanda, or live as exiles in France, Belgium and Kenya.

The result is that the RPA has become increasingly jittery and sees the Hutu camps in southwest Rwanda, which were established by the French army as a "safe zone" at the end of the civil war last July for about 200,000 people, as a permanent threat.

Last week, the army began to try to drive back the Hutus to their nearby farms to break up their organising structures, and then panicked.

A long-serving European diplomat based in Kigali, the capital, said: "There is absolutely no excuse for the behaviour of the RPA in these massacres. But they have been begging for the international community to help them to break up the Hutu militias inside Rwanda and in the refugee camps in Zaire and Tanzania, and we have done absolutely nothing except make sure that those responsible for the genocide are fed, watered and sheltered. There is no great surprise that the RPA has finally cracked, the pressure cooker blown."

The paranoia among the RPA's 30,000 soldiers, mostly teenagers, and who found their families slaughtered as they drove the Hutu regime from power, could be seen in the attitude of a guard at Gitarama prison, 50 miles from Kibeho.

More than 7,000 Hutus accused of genocide live in a jail designed for 1,000 men. They stand four to the square yard, and die at a rate of ten to 15 a day. Untried, many have been locked up for six months because the Government has no finance to build larger jails, and the judiciary was wiped out last year. "Do you think it's easy, staring at killers all day? I hate them," the guard said.

SKY NEWS

Hutu refugees yesterday at Kibeho camp where up to 8,000 people were killed by Tutsi-dominated government forces at the weekend

Extremist power holds sway in refugee camps

Kigali: The camp at Kibeho contained more than 130,000 Hutus and is one of nine settlements in southwest Rwanda housing about 250,000 people displaced by last year's civil war.

More than two million others remain in often violent camps in Zaire, Tanzania and Burundi, while the Government and an international tribunal prepare genocide charges. They fear revenge attacks if they return to their homes and believe their property may have been taken over.

The refugees entered the camps during the war under the protection of French troops who defined the area as off-limits to combatants. They built huts of banana fronds and mud, topped with plastic sheeting provided by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, cooking food supplied by relief agencies on small fires on wood from nearby trees.

Most camps are organised by former communes, and include markets and small shops selling food that has been donated and a host of small items. The real power, in most of them, is wielded by extremists who took part in last year's killing of more than half a million people.

The Government set December 31 last year as a deadline for closing the camps, but relented after pressure from the UN, and agreed not to use force to evict residents. The settlements are to close "as soon as possible", Jacques Bihozagara, the Rehabilitation and Social Integration Minister, said. *(AFP)*

Opponents seek vengeance at Banda's trial

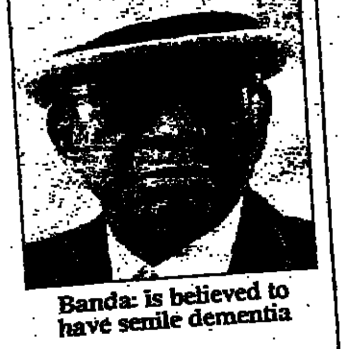
From Inigo Gilmore in Blantyre

DURING his years as the self-styled President for Life of Malawi, Hastings Kamuzu Banda once said his enemies were food for the crocodiles. The surviving opponents of the former dictator, said to be nearing 00 years of age, have an opportunity to bite back when he goes on trial for murder today.

Dr Banda, John Tembo, his former Minister of State, and two leading police officials have been charged with the murder of Aaron Gadama, Dick Matenje and Twaibu Sangala, three Cabinet ministers, and David Chiwanga, an MP, in 1983. The victims were allegedly bludgeoned to death by police on Mr Tembo's orders, and possibly with Dr Banda's knowledge.

In May last year, less than two weeks after President Muluzi took power from Dr Banda in the country's first multi-party elections, the Government announced the "Mwanza murders" would be investigated. The former President and Mr Tembo were arrested on January 5 this year, hours after the commissions of inquiry's findings were made known.

The trial has become a focus of the misery suffered by the southern African country of nearly ten million under Dr Banda's brutal regime. After he came to power in 1963, a year before independence from Britain, the Edinburgh-trained GP transformed Malawi into an autocracy likened to Kim Il Sung's North Korea and Nicolae Ceausescu's Romania. Anyone who criticised him was swiftly punished and at least 6,000 people are believed to have died.



Banda: is believed to have senile dementia

Since the arrests, there has been a simmering tension in Malawi and mobs have threatened to kill Dr Banda, Mr Tembo and the senior policemen. "They are killers and they deserve to die in the same way as their victims," said Richard Bakali, 30, a hotel waiter, echoing the views of many of his compatriots.

However, a pro-Banda faction has threatened that there will be a bloodbath if the former President and Mr Tembo are not released.

Although Dr Banda is believed to be suffering from senile dementia, and recently underwent brain surgery in South Africa, the State has insisted that he attend the trial, which is scheduled to last at least six months. More arrests are expected.

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ VISUAL ART

Superb shows of Chagall and Brancusi are among the *highlights of the Paris spring season*

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow

■ MUSIC

Born 150 years ago, the French composer Gabriel Fauré is *celebrated in a* Manchester festival

CONCERTS: All week
REVIEW: Wednesday

■ THEATRE

Lesbian passion among the soaps: The Killing of *Sister George at* the Ambassadors

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ POP

In Hull, Courtney Love launches her first British tour since the death of Kurt Cobain

GIG: Thursday
REVIEW: Monday

LONDON

YEOMEN OF THE GUARD: Welsh *National Opera brings Gilbert and Sullivan's creakily constructed plot to life, for just three performances this week. Charles Mackerras conducts a crack cast that gives it their all, the elegant sets are by Peter J. Davison.* **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm Ⓢ

MUSIC AT THE SOUTH BANK: The **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** starts *things off tonight at the Festival Hall with a programme of Webern, Mahler and Shostakovich, Jun-Ichi Hirokami* conducts. Paavo Järvi and the London *Sinfonietta continue the* **Arvo Pärt — Emerging Light** series with a London premiere for Erkki-Sven Tüür and three pieces from Pärt. Meanwhile the Purcell Room offers a bit of talent spotting, with a recital from cellist **Richard Jenkinson**, and pianist Robert Kulek. **South Bank**, SE1 (0171-928 8800). 7.30pm (RFH, PR); 7.45pm (QEH). Ⓢ

THE MEMORANDUM. Last week of *performances for this revival of President Havel's 1965 surreal comedy about office intrigue and a weird new* language, supposedly designed to improve efficiency
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

ELSEWHERE

COVENTRY: *Last week of performances for* **Heartbreak House**, Shaw's *character-rich state-of-the-nation play* from 1917. Simon Usher directs a strong cast including Louise Jameson and John Vine.
Belgrade, Belgrade Square (01203 553055). *Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm*

MANCHESTER. A superb fortnight-*long festival celebrating* **Gabriel Fauré** opens tonight with an all-star concert: Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts the BBC Philharmonic with soloists Kathryn Stott and Yo-Yo Ma. Stott, who has organised the festivities, features in many of the concerts along with the Nash Ensemble, Della Jones, Sarah Walker and the Labèque sisters. Fauré's music is put in *the context of his contemporaries and* compatriots, including Saint-Saëns, *Debussy, Ravel, and Franck.*
Free Trade Hall and **Royal Northern College of Music** (0161-273 4504). Tonight, 7.30pm (FTH); until May 6 Ⓢ

NOTTINGHAM: Millicent Martin, Michael Cashman and Patrick Cargill continue this season's tour of **Noises Off**, *Michael Frayn's ingeniously* engineered comedy. A slickly accelerating piece of silliness.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0115-948 2626). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, 2pm and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

PORTSMOUTH: Jenny Seagrove and Hayley Mills continue their tour of *Richard Harris's* **Dead Guilty**. *Auriol* Smith directs the tense tale of strange events and guilty secrets swirling around a traumatised accident victim. Designs by Alexander McPherson.
King's, Southsea (01705 828282). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: *Impressionism in Britain* (0171-638-4141) . . **British Museum**: Contemporary Chinese Painting (0171-636 1555) . . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life: from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . **National Portrait Gallery**. Richard Avedon; The Road to 1945 (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . **Serpentine**: *Take Me (I'm Yours)* (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: Willem de Kooning; Through Switzerland with Turner (0171-887 8000) . **V & A**: Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500)

□ **ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES**. Michel Tremblay's fascinating portrayal *of a woman at different stages of her life.* Miriam Karlin among the cast of five Madeleine Wynn directs. Final week.
Bridewell, Bride Lane (off Fleet St), EC4 (0171-936 3456) Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

□ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER**. Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years *of Jewish experience in New York.* When all's told, it's fairly thin stuff
***Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616)* Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Final week. Ⓢ

□ ***DANGEROUS CORNER*** *Keith* Baxter directs an excellent cast in *Priestley's psychological thriller about* the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

□ **GEORGE DANDIN**: Red Shift bring in Molière's last comedy about a lady's *deception of her low-born husband.* Jonathan Holloway directs. Ranjit Bolt translates
Cochrane, Southampton Row, WC1 (0171-242 7040). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs, 2pm Final week.

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**. Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◩ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**. Terry Hands's first *production here. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight and Richard McCabe an insanely jealous husband*
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight, 7.15pm, Tue, 2pm and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

◩ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit and Barry Lynch
***Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891)* Now previewing, 7.15pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm Ⓢ

□ ***ONE FINE DAY***: *Joe McGann's* compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing play
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **SIMPATICO**: *Powerful acting from* Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet *McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam* Shepard's first play for a decade. A *shared secret from long ago connects* two men now living very different lives *Not vintage Shepard but incisive and gripping*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 13.

◩ **THE WINTER GUEST**: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman *Macdonald's fine play about loss,* survival, the perils and joys of life
***Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404).* Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Final week. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) □ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . . ◩ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ◩ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909) . □ **Mama I Want to Sing**: *Cambridge (0171-494 5080)* . . □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) ◩ **A Passionate Woman**. Comedy (0171-369 1731) . □ **She Loves Me** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . □ **Starlight Express**. Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . □ **Woman in Black**. *Fortune (0171-836 2238)*

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NEW RELEASES

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
Odeon West End *(01426-915 574)*

LE COLONEL CHABERT (PG): Stodgy presentation of a good Balzac *yarn about a man thought dead trying* to reclaim his past. With Gérard *Depardieu and Fanny Ardant.*
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

LA FRONTERA (15). Atmospheric first feature about a Chilean exiled to an isolated village. Director, Ricardo Larrain
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller *that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and* Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman *Director, Wolfgang Petersen*
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive *drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel.* Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, *Hugh Grant and newcomer Georgina* Cates
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ *(0171-437 4343)*

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. *Superficially enjoyable version of* Michael Crichton's sexual harassment *novel. Director, Barry Levinson.*
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

HOOP DREAMS *(15)*: *Marvellous* documentary by Steve James, Fred Marx and Peter Gilbert about two inner city kids and their dreams of playing professional basketball.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ ***JUST CAUSE*** (18): *Harvard law* professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) ***UCI Whiteleys*** Ⓢ *(0171-792 3332)* **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE LITTLE RASCALS** (U): Tame *adventures of innocent imps, based on* the Our Gang shorts. Penelope *Spheeris directs a difficult child cast*
Plaza (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG). Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Chelsea *(0171-351 3742)* **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) ***Lumiere** (0171-836 0691)* **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MURIEL'S WEDDING** (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan. Boisterous, *queasy Aussie comedy. P.J. Hogan* directs Toni Collette, Bill Hunter and Rachel Griffiths.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) ***UCI Whiteleys*** Ⓢ *(0171-792 3332)* **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

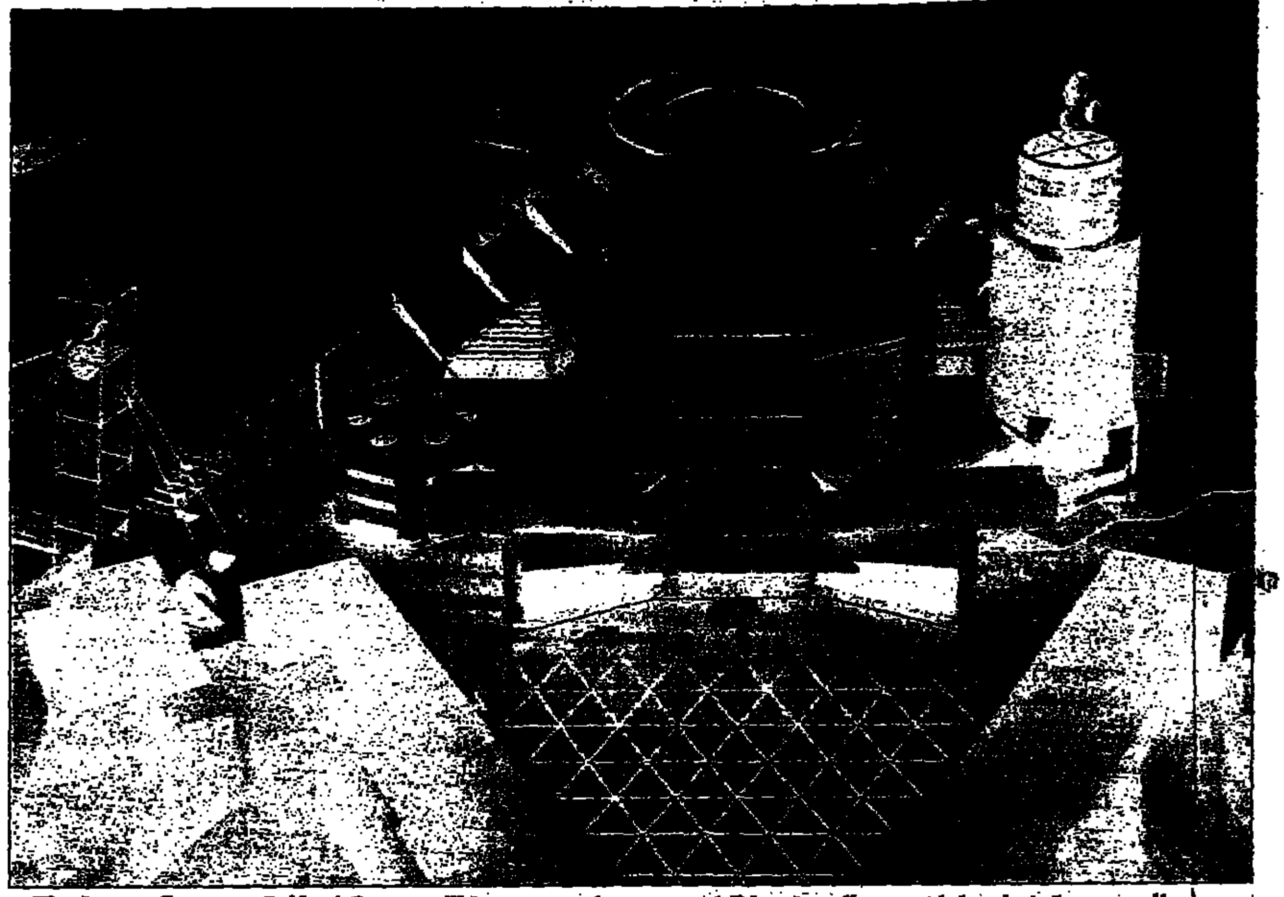
◆ **NOBODY'S FOOL** (15). Endearing *slice of small-town Americana, with Paul* Newman, Melanie Griffith, Bruce Willis and Jessica Tandy
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18): Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto *Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast*
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** Ⓢ *(0171-792 2020)* **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

Salford's glittering prize

The lottery holds the key to a huge new northern arts centre, says

Marcus Binney



The Lowry Centre at Salford Quays will house two theatres, a children's gallery, and the city's Lowry collection

If there is a winning formula for a National *Lottery bid, Salford has* it. The leader of the city council, Bill Hinds, is positively Messianic in his belief that *the arts can be a catalyst for* urban renewal. "It's a vote winner as a policy, I'm absolutely convinced," he says.

He cites the 10,000 people who thronged to Salford Quays for the launch of the Lowry Centre project. When the *local* paper put the question to a telephone vote, asking whether people would like money to be spent on this new, £75 million arts centre or on housing improvements and hospitals, 60 per cent said yes to the arts centre.

Measured by any national league table, Salford's unemployment and poverty levels are dire, following the decline of its canal port, coal mining and *cotton industries. Its one* success story is Salford Quays, the port of the old Manchester Ship Canal. Ten years ago this *was a derelict site.* "No one gave it a chance," says Hinds. Now £350 million has been invested, and only £31 million was public money. The new offices and shopping are 70 per cent occupied and rentals are good. Some 7,500 people are working there.

It was the success of the Canon cinemas which convinced the council of the potential of the arts. "There are eight *cinemas in the com*plex and the demand has been fantastic. It started the whole revival of cinema-going in the North West," says Hinds.

In one sense, Salford is an archetypal non-place. Like Stoke-on-Trent, it is an amalgam of five towns without a *proper centre.* But the city, which appears as a separate manor in the Domesday Book, is as proud of itself as Manchester. *Old Trafford* cricket ground is just across the canal. Communications, especially motorways, put seven million people within an hour's journey of the centre, and soon a new supertram *will bring the Quays within* seven minutes of Manchester city centre.

The council is giving the best remaining site on the Quays to the new centre, a large triangle of land overlooking the docks on two sides. "This is going to be a waterfront like Baltimore, Boston or Toronto," says Hinds.

The initial magnet is the council's substantial collection of *Lowry paintings.* Salford began collecting the artist in the 1930s. "We gave him a gallery, the first to a living artist, in the 1950s. That was *when the Tate's Turners were* still in store," says the art gallery's Mike Leber.

Lowry studied at Salford Art College, and most of the 350 works in the council's collection were painted within two miles of the new site. Today *Salford Art Gallery attracts* some 70,000 visitors a year, from as far as Japan and North America, mainly thanks to the Lowrys.

Yet, for all Lowry's popular fame, studies of him are in *their infancy. There is no catalogue raisonée.* The gallery estimates there are about 1,000 paintings (of which they have 80) and up to 9,000 drawings and sketches.

The Lowry Centre will not just be a museum, but bring together visual and performing arts. There will be two new theatres carefully aimed at filling a size slot just below the 2,000-seater auditoriums such *as the Palace in Manchester.*

Louis Fleming of Theatre Projects explains: "There will be a 1,650-seat lyric theatre *with provision for an orches*tra pit. We hope there will be a resident dance company, as we are offering three large rehearsal rooms. The excellent facilities should also attract Opera North, Glyndebourne Touring, Welsh National Opera and Scottish Opera." The *one thing it will not be is a full* symphony concert hall — the Hallé does that already. "There will also be musical comedy as well as Cameron Mackintosh and Andrew Lloyd Webber. There's just not *enough space in Manchester* at the moment."

She is hoping to attract the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company to use the centre as their northwest base. The smaller theatre will be an intimate 400-seater, probably horseshoe in shape, *suitable for chamber opera* and small-scale drama.

Another key element will be a children's gallery inspired by the success of the Eureka project in Halifax, where a hands-on philosophy *will replace the usual "don't* touch" ethos of museums, and where Salford children will have sessions with the Cantonas of the art world.

The plans for the new centre have been drawn up by Michael Wilford, a former partner *of Sir James Stirling.* The hallmark of their work is a bold, simple use of geometric shapes, a constant play of cubes, cylinders and pyramids. The plan of the new centre is that of a stylised *bumble bee; a big round head* and broad wings fanning out. The silhouette is deliberately varied.

Careful thought has been given to future running costs. The council will devote £300,000 of rents from nearby developments to the centre.

In theory Salford could apply to three of the National Lottery honeypots — the Heritage for housing the Lowrys, to the Arts Council for the theatres, and to the Millennium Fund for the landmark element. As yet lottery bids are not split in this way, and they *are pinning their hopes on* becoming one of the Millennium Fund's top 12 projects for the year 2000.

In many ways they are as far ahead of the field as the Tate Gallery at Bankside. Salford owns the land and has planning permission and hopes of European Regional Development Fund support. If this is not a prime lottery candidate, what is?

Jonas stays in Munich

OVERTURES

SPECULATION that **Peter Jonas**, former boss of English National Opera, is a contender to succeed **Jeremy Isaacs** as general director of the Royal Opera House appears to be *misplaced.* The Bavarian State Opera has just extended Jonas's contract as Intendant until the year 2003. The Munich company also appointed **Zubin Mehta** as its new music director for five years beginning in 1998.

So who is likely to succeed *Isaacs at Covent Garden in* 1997? Clearest favourite is **Nicholas Payne**, the present Royal Opera *director.* Other possible contenders include Edinburgh Festival director **Brian McMaster**, who was a notably successful boss of Welsh National Opera, **John Drummond**, who retires from running the Proms this September, and **Elaine Padmore**, *the former BBC producer who* directed the Wexford Festival and now runs the opera house in Copenhagen. Whoever is appointed will have a strange task: the first two years will be spent supervising a building site, if the Royal Opera House development goes ahead.

● JUST completing work on his latest directing effort, *In The Bleak Midwinter*, **Kenneth Branagh** seems unlikely to be idle for long. Contracts are being finalised for a feature film of *Othello* that *would pit Branagh's Iago* against the Othello of American actor **Laurence Fishburne**. Also being mentioned *as a possible Desdemona is* **Uma Thurman**.

● MUCH pomp and ceremony is planned by Sony for the *June 15 release of the* portentously-titled *HIStory, Past, Present & Future — Book I,* latest oeuvre by one **Michael Jackson**. The two-CD set will *comprise HIStory Begins*, a 15-track selection of past hits digitally remastered, and *HIStory Continues*, [illegible] new recordings including a tribute to the **Beatles** and **Charlie Chaplin**. A first single, *Scream*, will be in the shops and doubtless at the top of the charts *on May 29*.

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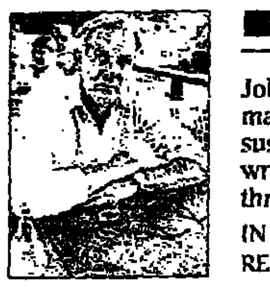

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THEATRE: In Stratford, Josie Lawrence takes on the Shrew and the RSC revives Vanbrugh; in Scarborough, a new play by Ayckbourn

When less would have been more

Benedict Nightingale on a disappointing pair of productions from the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford

As I drove home from Stratford on Friday night, and idly mused on two mostly misspent evenings, a nightmarish figure materialised in what was either my imagination or the darkness ahead. He sported a black leather jacket, garish yellow tights, a gaudy purple bib, a periwig the size of a thatched cottage, and a tickling stick made of lead piping topped with green feathers. He made a hideous *moue* with his scarlet lips, and he spoke. "Ve haff vays of making you laugh," he said. This capsule monster dominated two of the RSC's stages last week, leaving me feeling the Gestapo had been working on my armpits. You know the old joke about leaving the theatre humming the sets? The deeply counterproductive plan here seemed to be to send us from *The Shrew*, and to a lesser extent *The Relapse*, chortling the costumes.

> ‘The plan seemed to be to leave us chortling the costumes’

This is the fifth time the RSC has staged **The Taming of the Shrew** in 13 years, making what most people regard as one of Shakespeare's slightest comedies one of his most revived. It would be nice to believe this is because the company is conscientiously exploring the complexities of a politically incorrect text; but the reason is surely that it is a comic crowd-pleaser with a mildly naughty reputation. Either way, Gale Edwards's production (at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre) fails the play, for it is neither very funny nor makes much sense of its sexual politics.

You will recall that *The Shrew* is a play-within-a-play, performed for a drunken tinker who is duped into thinking himself an amnesiac lord. At Stratford Michael Siberry follows the lead of Jonathan Pryce and others by playing both Sly, as he's called, and Petruchio. This turns out to mean that he begins by boozily quarrelling with Josie Lawrence, his wife and Kate, and ends up being helped by her from the mire. *The Shrew* proper has been a fantasy in which a yob gets a lesson in the misuse of male power.

This is a questionable approach at the best of times, but here it is demonstrably wrong-headed. First, it brings cuts and additions that don't even have the excuse of coming from the anonymous ur-play, *The Taming of a Shrew*. Second, we have to look to the synopsis in the programme to understand the unclear and inconsistent way Siberry reacts to Lawrence's odd delivery of the famous lines about wives obeying husbands: "Petruchio slowly realises what he has been attempting to do to Katherina in the name of love. By the end of the speech his dream has become a nightmare."

What tripe! That may be how the Bard's *Guardian*-reading descendant, Dennis Shakespeare, would have ended the play. Will himself was more robust. Surprisingly, this has not offended the less rigid feminist critics, who have looked behind his traditionalism to find a play about a woman who, sickened by her world's shallowness, connives in her "taming" with the one man who proves as tough and original as herself. Much of the time this seems to be how Edwards sees *The Shrew*, too. But then Lawrence, who has warmly kissed him only moments before, turns ironic and scornful, and Siberry backs away aghast and ashamed. He has Gone Too Far, and both know they should really be at a consciousness-raising workshop in Brent.

Out go his cry of "kiss me, Kate" and their happy exit bedwards. Instead Sly-Petruchio is patted by a wife wearily tolerant of what has all along been a weak man's aggro. All I could feel at this point was sympathy for two good actors twisted out of true by their director. Siberry has grace and force, plus a romantic boastfulness undercut by hints of insecurity. Lawrence marks her return from screen to stage with some fine snarls and juttings of the nether lip. But they need a more congenial production.

Also, what chance do they get of exploring character, given all the distracting visual ado and strenuously updated commedia dell'arte? We can hardly laugh at Petruchio's arrival at his wedding — cute red car, his man dressed as a ballerina in pink, his own clothes indebted to everything from spoof Incas to the boxing ring — when all Padua is equally outrè. Would you credit a Gary-Glitter Tranio, a pirate Grumio, a Gremio wearing green hose, black frockcoat and ruff, a Hortensio with a purple beard, servants who range from a spindly dunce to a blood-stained chef, and a noisy Ruritanian band? No, nor did I.

Ian Judge's revival of Vanbrugh's **The Relapse** (at the Swan) is also pretty broad, though it bursts fewer of its play's buttons. There are two plots, one involving the reformed Loveless's sexual recidivism, the other telling how the spoiled Foppington is robbed of a country wife by his younger brother. Most of the cast are motivated by loot or lust; but Vanbrugh was a mellow fellow, writing after the Restoration's excesses had eased, and preferred affectionately to create characters rather than cynically concoct caricatures.

You would not always know so here. With the genial Hugh Quarshie as Loveless, plot A mostly remains real enough. But red silks and bows, a preposterous wig and his own nose combine to make Victor Spinetti's Foppington resemble a mix of Pinocchio and Danny la Rue auditioning for the female lead in a *Lady and the Tramp* about poodles instead of spaniels. Despite his name, the character has wit and dignity and is described by the heroine as "no such bad thing". But then this gauche gentlewoman is played by Lorraine Ashbourne as a brassy saloon-bar harridan, so we are already in an over-the-top world.

For a moment Christopher Godwin's matchmaker, a twitching cadaver escaped from his winding sheets in hopes of pursuing sodomy between linen ones, justifies the approach. But it passes, leaving me with my thought for the week. Nuance, underplaying, comedy of character are funnier than slapstick, overacting and farce. The RSC of all companies should know it.

DONALD COOPER

Two good actors twisted out of true by their director: Michael Siberry and Josie Lawrence star in the RSC's new production of *The Taming of the Shrew*

Joys of spring

CONCERT

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THE violent Russian spring "that seemed to begin in an hour and was like the whole earth cracking" is what inspired Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*. Yakov Kreizberg's vernal debut as principal conductor designate of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra was not quite so earth-shaking; but he made his mark on orchestra and audience.

As in the Janáček which made such an indelible impression at Glyndebourne on one of Kreizberg's first visits to the UK, it was the vigour of pulse, metre and rhythm which marked this performance. It also reminded us of the BSO's *own* strengths, qualities nurtured in recent years by conductors as different as Paavo Berglund and Andrew Lytton. Kreizberg is likely now to mould the fine string ensemble and exploit the bright character of the individual wind and brass players who made such a mighty dawn chorus of creation of *the Rite's* opening.

Kreizberg also put a clear personal stamp on the evening in his chosen opening work. He is a lively advocate of the composer Ernst Krenek, and particularly of his dramatic monologue, *Medea*. Written in 1952, the piece is in the twelve-tone style to which the composer was dedicated at that time. Neither its vocal nor its orchestral writing is as subtle or as many-layered as that of contemporaries like Schoenberg or Berg. But the Greek mezzo, Daphne Evangelatos, brought total conviction to its histrionic gesture and rhetoric.

In between the ritual beginning and ending of this concert came a lean and compelling performance of Debussy's *Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune* and, less fittingly and rather less rewardingly, Beethoven's *Emperor* concerto played by John Lill.

HILARY FINCH

Rootsy rocky blasting power

ROCK

Thunder
Charterhalle, Munich

GIVEN the selective myopia of the British music press, you could be forgiven for thinking that, after the demise of Led Zeppelin, we gave up producing traditional, rootsy rock.

With the exception of their Swedish bassist, Mikael Höglund, Thunder is a London-based quintet which offers, in many ways, no surprises other than the consistently high quality of their raunchy, R&B-inspired rock. Their 1990 debut album, *Back Street Symphony*, introduced to a wider public singer Danny Boues's full-throated vocals and the songwriting skills of lead guitarist Luke Morley. It delighted traditionalists who like their rocky blasts in song format.

Its successor, *Laughing On Judgement Day*, was, Morley now believes, a little too wayward for its own good, and Thunder's current set virtually ignores its existence. The third and latest album, *Behind Closed Doors*, is a return to a simple and powerfully dynamic form.

What British audiences make of it remains to be seen — Thunder play their first of 11 UK dates on Thursday at Portsmouth's Guildhall, before rolling into the Hammersmith Apollo on May 12. However, road tests in Europe all got a positive result. The Munich Charterhalle concert occurred midway through ten dates in what is, in record selling terms, Europe's largest heavy metal territory. It is, by anyone's standards, a peculiar venue: a disused airport far enough from the city for Thunder's noise level to bother nobody. Customs notices — left after the aircraft departed — jostle for wall space with a particularly international graffiti one can find in any rock dedicated venue. It is also filled, unusually for this kind of music, with a heterogeneous audience: women as well as men, teenagers and upwards, all enthusiastic about the British rockers.

As the opening songs, *She's So Fine* and *Fly On the Wall* quickly showed, Boues remains in fine form: a limber figure fuelled by a sinewy vocal. This is augmented on *Higher Ground* and the forthcoming single, *Castles in the Sand*, by some harmonious backups from Morley and guitarist Ben Matthews. With Höglund and the drummer Harry James leading a punchy rhythm section, comparisons with Aerosmith would not be inappropriate. Hair-flying, Thunder come over as craftsmen in a state of enviably ruddy health.

However, how much the Germans understood of Thunder's more sensitive side is questionable. *Stand Up* followed by *No Turning Back*, songs described by Boues as being about the twin evils of oppression and nationalism respectively, seemed apposite, considering the imminence of Second World War celebrations and the proximity to the airport of Dachau, and were well received.

Boues turned up the pace for *River of Pain*, and encores of *Low Life in High Places* and *Dirty Love*. Such high-octane numbers may be stylistically retrospective, but Thunder's verve and energy prove there is plenty of life in the old form.

LOUISE GRAY

Singer Danny Boues: songs of oppression went down well

Devilish wit

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The self-effacing hero of Ayckbourn's *Man of the Moment*, when asked if anything made him angry, answered: "Evil," and added almost apologetically: "There's a lot of it about." In that play, and in *Way Upstream*, the devilish villains were both human. So far as I know, Ayckbourn has never before brought an actual devil into a play. In a sense, two devils, because the seductive Valda (Kate Arneil) frequently turns, with the help of some stage trickery, into Dale Rapley's seductive Valder.

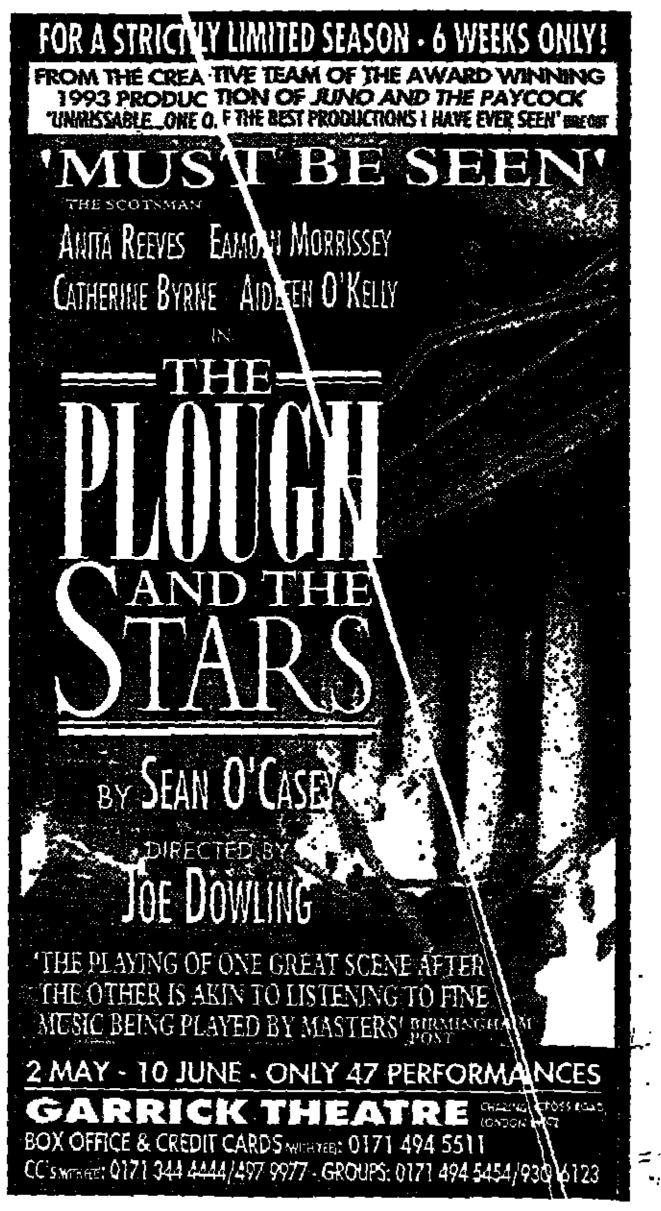
The prosaic setting for their machinations is a small town's disused railway station — though from time to time the action halts while an express thunders through. Here the local vicar is rehearsing a Mystery Play musical. When funding runs out, he sings a prayer to God, but his words are intercepted at a lower level. Unexpectedly a train stops and the sultry Valda enters in a puff of steam. Helltrack evidently still relies on traditional fuels.

The man of the moment may have been voicing Ayckbourn's own thoughts concerning evil. In his latest play, he develops his thinking as to the way it operates on simple — and simply drawn — human beings. The Rev Harry Wooller and all but one of his co-workers know full well the identity of their new sponsor, but weakly agree to the rewrites demanded. The show, they are told, must relate to the youth of today. Mary moves upmarket to become Herod's wife, in love with a Joseph already married. And isn't the child's gender, traditionally male, politically incorrect?

Ayckbourn makes neat jokes in the areas of trendiness and moral frailty. His lyrics rhyme wittily and are set to music by John Pattison that is pleasant enough. In style, the songs range between the sweetly pure melody for the pre-rewrite Mary and the ominous beat of *It's Getting Darker Every Dawn*, thrillingly sung by Arneil.

As always with Ayckbourn, who also directs, it is one of life's apparent failures who takes the stand for good. Sensibly dressed in kilt and grey cardie, Sophie Winter plants herself on the station seat to sing a ballad of yearning for the love-shy vicar — Peter Forbes, a pillar of rectitude longing to crumble. Her victory, along with everyone else's change of heart, is not earned, and this makes the affirmations of the closing Gospel number ring hollow. While the best tunes are evenly distributed between devil(s) and humans, it is the scenes of devilish temptations that contain the best drama.

JEREMY KINGSTON



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When the stars died

SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

ASTRONOMERS using the world's most powerful telescope to study gas clouds at the edge of the universe have found something unexpected — carbon. All they expected from their examination of the so-called Lyman-alpha forest clouds was hydrogen, the element made in the Big Bang from which everything else evolved.

Finding carbon atoms in these primordial clouds, believed to have been left over from the Big Bang, was as surprising as "getting to a Pacific island and finding elephants", Dr Jeremiah Ostriker of Princeton University told *Science*. It may call for a revision of the standard view of the early universe.

The astronomers, from the University of Hawaii and the University of California at San Diego, used the 10-metre Keck telescope at Mauna Kea, in Hawaii. They studied gas clouds lying about 10 billion light years away by means of light from even more distant objects, quasars.

The atoms in the clouds absorb some light from the quasars, at wavelengths characteristic of the atoms involved. The spectra, when analysed, have in the past shown nothing but hydrogen. But the Keck telescope includes the world's largest spectrograph, and it clearly showed the spectral lines of carbon in about half the clouds studied.

Why should this matter? Heavier elements such as carbon are formed in stars, so their presence in the clouds means that they cannot date from the origin of the universe, but must represent the ashes of a generation of stars that formed and disappeared before the present galaxies came into being.

This is in conflict with the prevailing view, which is that the first stars formed along with the process of galaxy formation. Although it upsets one theory, the finding (published in this month's *Astronomical Journal*) may help clarify another, which concerns the way in which the material in the early universe became ionised. If it were not ionised, it would absorb so much light that we could not see the more distant quasars. If, in fact, there was an earlier generation of stars, they would have heated and ionised the gas clouds. The amounts of carbon found turn out to imply sufficient stars to make these calculations come out right.

The dead stars can also help to explain the shape of today's universe, according to computer simulations done at Dr Ostriker's Princeton laboratory. If the only source of heat in the early universe was that left over from the Big Bang, then the gas would have been expected to collapse into much smaller galaxies than those that exist.

Dr David Tytler, of the University of California at San Diego, one of the team working on Lyman-alpha forest clouds, cautions against jumping to conclusions. The next step will be looking at more distant clouds still, to see if carbon becomes scarcer at earlier stages of the universe's evolution.

If it does not, then astronomers may have to get used to the idea that the universe we know succeeded an earlier generation of stars that has disappeared, leaving only their carbon behind, like the enigmatic grin on the face of the Cheshire Cat.

Ancient skill

A 76-year-old American man who gave his body to science would be surprised to discover that he has become the first mummy for 2,000 years to be made using the techniques of the ancient Egyptians.

The idea was to understand how they achieved their results and it involved Egyptologist and philosopher Dr Robert Brier, of Long Island University, in some very unusual activities.

He travelled to Egypt to collect from the dry lake shores of Wadi Natrun the mixture of sodium carbonate and bicarbonate — called natron — that was used to preserve the mummies in ancient times. He used tools that were reproductions of 3,000-year-old instruments and even removed the dead man's brain through his nose, as the embalmers of old did.

Then the body was packed in natron and left to mummify in Baltimore, Maryland, surrounded by jars containing the man's liver, intestines, and stomach. All that was visible were the feet, wrapped in blue surgical bootees.

Some argued that the project was in poor taste, but Dr Brier says that it has shown that it is natron, rather than the passage of time, that makes mummies look as they do. The thoroughly modern mummy is now at the University of Maryland Medical School where it will be used in "a lot of scientific studies", he says.

In brief

ANYBODY who got to page 26 of *A Brief History of Time* and then gave up can now turn to a useful and easy-to-read crib, *Stephen Hawking for Beginners*, published by Icon at £7.99.

The book uses cartoons and jokes to explain the work of Britain's best-known physicist and, like others in the series — Newton, Einstein, Darwin and Marx have all been subjected to the same treatment — it weaves the jokes around a perfectly serious text written by J. P. McEvoy, who had several long discussions with Hawking to produce the book. The illustrations, in comic-book style, are by Oscar Zarate.

No special knowledge is demanded, as the book whisks us through gravitation, the concept of mass, Einstein's theory of relativity and the concepts of gravitational collapse. A happy touch is Sir Roger Penrose (as he now is), wearing a sandwich-board announcing an important seminar he gave in London in the 1960s proving that a singularity must exist when a star collapses. From this idea Hawking wrote his PhD thesis suggesting that the universe began with such a singularity.

The book ends with the finding of the "ripples in time" by the Cosmic Background Explorer satellite, which Hawking in a burst of enthusiasm described as "the greatest discovery of all time" — the finding that the early universe contained the seeds of the stars. Anybody who reads this book can bluff their way with confidence through astrophysics, and return to Hawking where they left off.

Do computers threaten the true spirit of mathematics?

Electronic number crunchers can save years of tedious calculation. But it is dangerous to place too much faith in them, says **Dr Marcus du Sautoy**

In 1852 Francis Guthrie was colouring a map of the English counties, when he noticed something surprising. He needed only four colours to complete the map so that no two neighbouring counties were the same colour.

He wrote to his mathematician brother, Frederick, to ask whether it was known that however the boundaries changed in the world, you would only ever need four colours to colour an atlas. Guthrie's question became one of those problems which would galvanise the mathematical community for more than a century — the Four Colour Map Problem.

But its solution in 1976 by two Americans, Kenneth Appel and Wolfgang Haken, caused as many problems as it solved. Their answer began by reducing the problem to a finite number of basic maps. But to prove their case, they were still left with what amounted to several thousand potential maps to check — a task so laborious by hand that they would still be colouring.

Appel and Haken estimated that both professional and amateur mathematicians had already spent more than 10 million hours trying to prove the theorem. It was thus a proof that would be impossible for any person to check by hand. Instead, they made unprecedented use of a computer to examine all these remaining cases, which still involved over a thousand hours on three computers. The computer proof, printed in the *Illinois Journal of Mathematics*, included more than 500 pages of diagrams.

But are we any the wiser about why the Four Colour Map Problem is true? For many mathematicians such a proof goes against the grain of what mathematics is about. Despite its public image, mathematics is a very human activity. It is not just about answers and truth; it is also about human understanding. True, Appel and Haken's computer showed us what Guthrie had spotted more than 100 years earlier. But for mathematicians, it did not tell us *why* it should be so.

There are variants of the Four Colour Map Problem which were proved much earlier without the use of a computer. For example, how many colours would you need to colour a map if we lived on a doughnut (or what mathematicians call a torus), rather than a globe? The rectangle below shows that you need at least seven colours.

To make the rectangle into a doughnut, join the upper and lower edges to make a cylinder and then bring the two ends of the cylinder together. The squares at the corners then become one country. It was proved without the use of a computer that seven colours suffice to colour a map on such a surface. Can we ever expect to see a proof of the Four Colour Map problem which doesn't need a computer?

A 19th-century map of the English and Welsh counties was the origin of the Four Colour Map Problem, which intrigued mathematicians for a century. Millions of hours were spent in making calculations in the search for a proof. It was finally solved in 1976 with three computers which produced more than 500 pages of diagrams

Since 1976, computers have played an ever-increasing role in a mathematician's life. A recent conference, organised by the London Mathematical Society, was dedicated solely to the use of computers in mathematics. One of the most exciting developments is to see how computers have allowed mathematicians not only to prove new results but also to perform experiments, providing access to areas previously out of reach.

The increase in computer-aided proofs, like that of the Four Colour Map Problem, is also forcing mathematicians to face up to another question. How can one know that the computer is always right? What if there were a bug in the program? The recent scare over the fault discovered in the Intel chip is a cautionary tale for anyone using a computer in their proofs.

Even at the human level the amount of work needed to check a proof can be immense. No one (except a philosopher) would doubt Euclid's elegant proof that there are infinitely many primes: it has survived some 2,000 years of scrutiny. But "proofs" have been printed of the Four Colour Map Problem which many years later turned out to be incorrect.

Or take the 15,000 published pages which constitute collectively a proof announced in 1982 of the so-called Classification of Finite Simple Groups — a list of all possible simple groups, the building blocks for symmetry. It could take generations for a mistake to appear. The trepidation with which mathematicians quote this Classification bears witness to such a fear.

Proof gives maths security

Mathematicians have a very strong intuition. Although Euclid's *Elements* included many statements whose justification was flawed, nonetheless no single theorem turned out to be false. But mathematicians will not rest content with the conviction that their intuition is correct. No one doubted for example that Fermat's Last Theorem was true (although a year ago some fell for a convincing e-mail April Fool announcing the discovery of a counter-example by a number theorist at Harvard). It is a proof which represents for many the final prize and defines what it is to be a mathematician.

So what exactly is a proof? In its barest form, it is a connection between a hypothesis and a conclusion. There are certain rules which allow you to get from one statement to another and the mathematician's job is to make the connection using these simple rules.

Chess provides a very basic analogy. If you place the pieces on the board in any manner, you can ask whether it is possible to get there from the opening position. There are rules for how each piece is allowed to move. If the answer is "yes", then a proof would be given by a set of moves which connected the opening and final positions.

A proof, though, is more than just this bare connection. Proof provides a language and grammar within which mathematicians write about their cast of characters — numbers, geometries, etc. Given a particular starting point and a set of rules we could set a computer running to compose mathematics. But this is no more mathematics than if we chained a monkey to a typewriter to create literature.

Most scientists are amazed at mathematicians' obsession with proof. Their argument would be that, for example, if it was discovered that a group had been missed from the Classification of Finite Simple Groups, then add it to the list and go back and check all the results which made use of the old list. This more evolutionary approach to mathematics has been a model for mathematicians in the past. But it is riddled with dangers.

Early this century Italian mathematicians witnessed a complete collapse of a generation's brilliant speculation based on a foundation of unproved results. But such an approach may be a danger to mathematicians and to the public whose safety, for example, in an aircraft depends in part on the certainty of proved mathematical results.

Some mathematicians scornfully liken this "physical reasoning" to that of "the woman who could trace her ancestry to William the Conqueror with only two gaps". They still prize their unique position among the sciences to be able to prove results that will last an eternity of scrutiny, thus gaining immortality by having their name associated with a theorem. Andrew Wiles eight-year battle to prove Fermat's Last Theorem was conducted in secret in his attic lest he had to share the final glory. But this need for secrecy has become even more pertinent in our ever-increasing credit-oriented world, where research money and job security depend on research output.

Although we are far from the sensational announcement of "The Death of Proof" made in a recent article in *Scientific American*, mathematicians are beginning to take on board this new world of more speculative mathematics, where computers share the credit and theorems fight for survival. Journals and common rooms are full of lively debate at present, between those who welcome the stimulating risks that this new era will bring and those who believe that to release our tight grasp on the security of proof would be a betrayal of what it is to be a mathematician.

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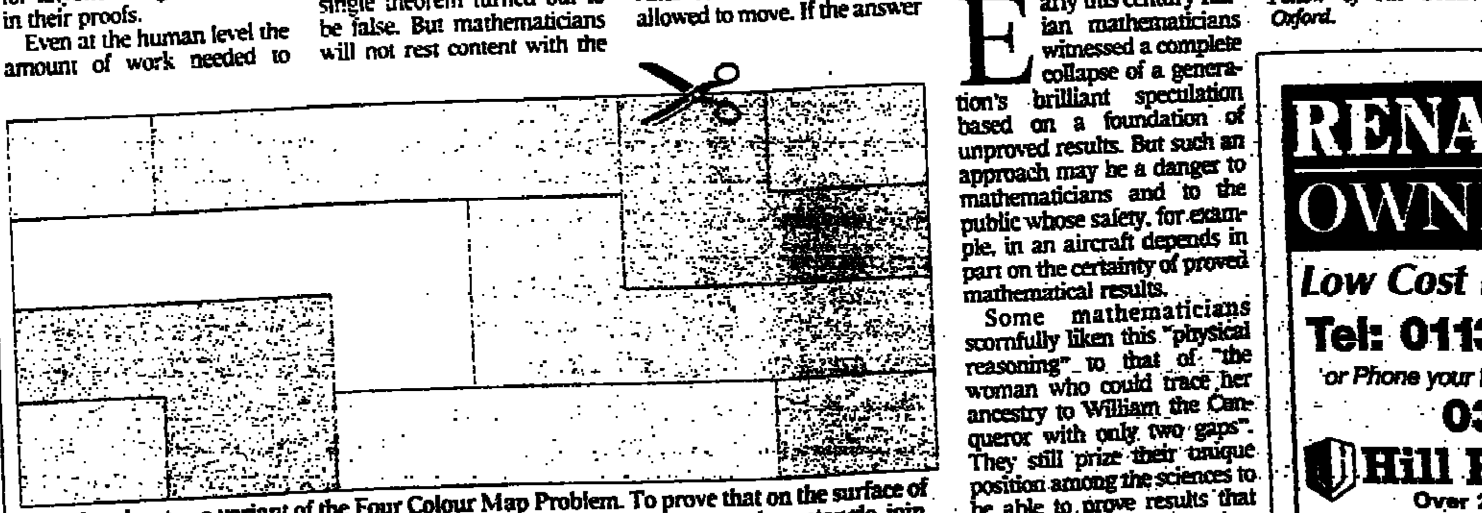

The doughnut — a variant of the Four Colour Map Problem. To prove that on the surface of the doughnut (or torus) seven colours are needed in map-making, cut out the rectangle, join the upper and lower edges to make a cylinder, then bring the ends of the cylinder together

Second chance to see the future

Martin Ince on a celebration of knowledge

To celebrate its 125th anniversary last year, the weekly science journal *Nature* gathered some of the world's most eminent scientists for a day's symposium on the modest topic — *Our Place in Nature: The Evolution of Our World*. Now the presentations of the main speakers have been issued on two video cassettes.

The tapes offer none of the astounding pictures and graphics familiar in television science programmes. Instead, the picture sometimes goes completely black: at another point an unidentified woman strolls across the stage behind Carl Sagan, of Cornell University, in the middle of his talk on the solar system.

The wide range of presentational skills is striking. Professor Sagan, like the Oxford geneticist Richard Dawkins and Christopher Llewellyn Smith, head of Cern, the European particle physics laboratory, are obviously seasoned public performers. The Californian cosmologist Joseph Silk and biologist Manfred Eigen, from Gottingen, are less smooth. The evolutionist Stephen Jay Gould, of Harvard, could, however, make a good living on the stand-up comedy circuit.

All the speakers have a gripping tale to tell. The message is that, in recent decades, many holes have been filled in our knowledge of the processes shaping everything we can observe, from galaxies to the intricacies of the human mind.

Almost any talk on the tapes would play well for a general audience (for example, in a sixth form or adult education class), or for scientists interested in a field beyond their own discipline.

Perhaps the most complete presentation is Card Sagan's, mostly because of the great increase in knowledge of the solar system in recent decades. Spacecraft have turned tiny blobs in the sky into mapped worlds, but Sagan's most startling picture is of a minute fleck of light — the Earth, seen by the Voyager spacecraft at the edge of the solar system. In that one blur lie all our saints and murderers, all our pleasures and disappointments, all our wars and loves — with no sign of anyone out there to help us cope with it.

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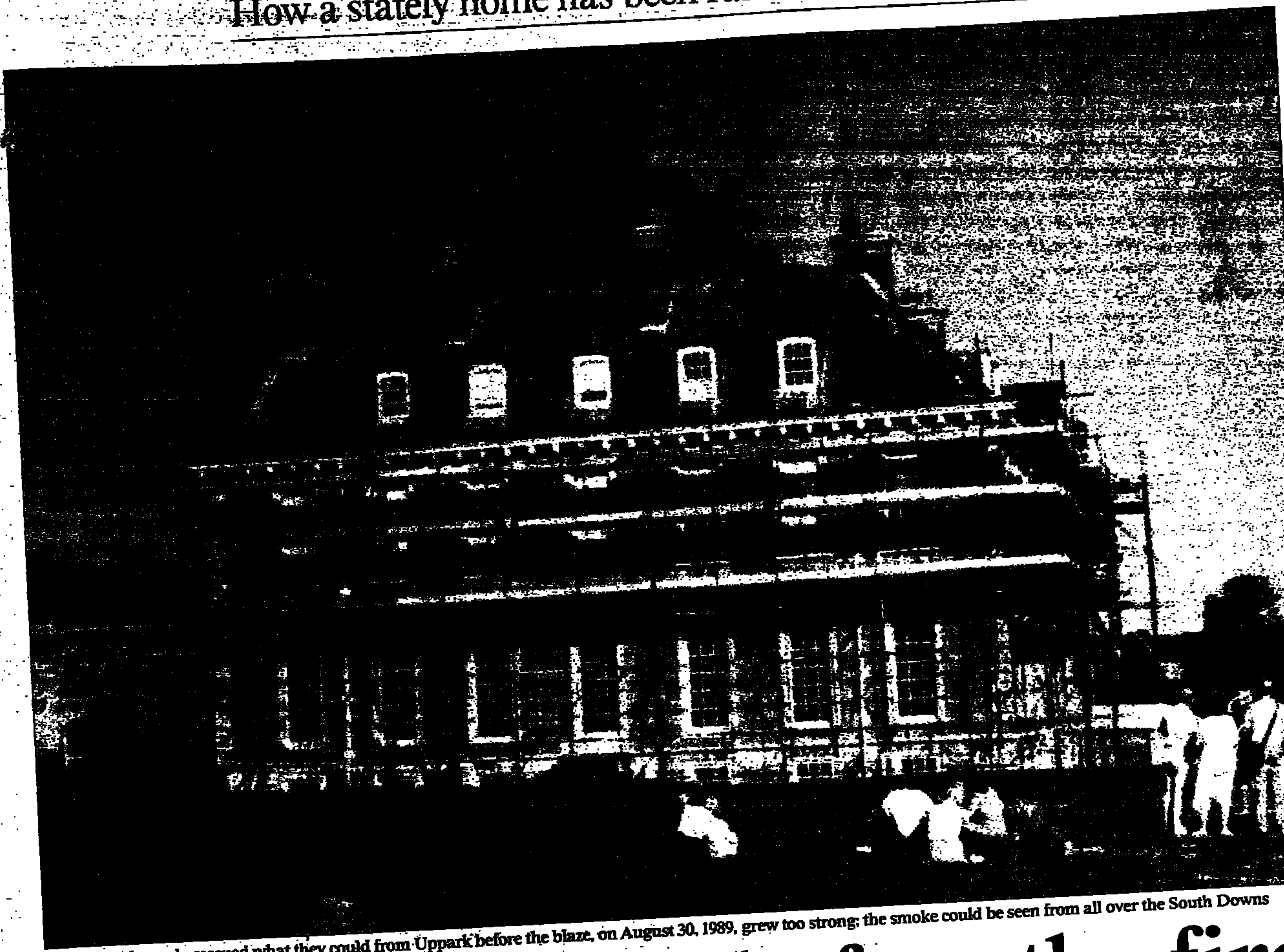


Local people rescued what they could from Uppark before the blaze, on August 30, 1989, grew too strong: the smoke could be seen from all over the South Downs

Back to the day before the fire

Cleaning a mantelpiece: restoration has been painstaking and slow, though the original work was often done quickly

Margot Norman visits Uppark House and finds that even the smells have been restored

The three tall women could not conceal their dismay at the sight of the dining-room curtains. To the immaculately turned-out Meade-Fetherstonhaugh sisters, who grew up in this house and spent the night of the fire rescuing treasures from Uppark's state rooms while [illegible] their own possessions [illegible] their upper-floor quarters, the tatty festoons with decayed fringing bound in repulsive greenery-yallery net were an affront to the magnificence of the rest of the £20 million restoration.

To the textile conservator, busy explaining how the sooty shreds of threadbare 18th-century silk damask had been rescued from the fire, cleaned in solutions of such-and-such a pH value and painstakingly restitched, they were a triumph of skill and patience. "Well," murmured Emma, the middle sister, *sotto voce*, "when you think that Sarah got these curtains and everything else in the house in just *the* most beautiful and expensive taste, you can't help wondering what she would have said..."

Sarah Lethiullier and her husband Sir Matthew Fetherstonhaugh were responsible for gutting the William and Mary house and turning its interior into a jewel box of 18th-century refinement. Yet it was Emma's grandmother, Lady Meade-Fetherstonhaugh, who dedicated her life to preserving everything just as it was for the delight of future generations.

One of her great projects in the 1930s was some groundbreaking textile restoration. So what was the National Trust to do? With which Lady Fetherstonhaugh should it keep faith?

No doubt the Trust's decision to restore Uppark "to its condition the day before the fire" was partly governed by the fact that the insurance cover from Sun Alliance was specifically for reinstatement, not improvement.

This has produced some peculiar effects. It is not difficult, for example, to imagine the Prince Regent's views on the 3,000 hours of work invested in mending the hangings on his bed: the embroidery was already shot and frankly beyond repair long before the fire. He would undoubtedly have marvelled at such misguided industry.

The new plasterwork and carving are a different story entirely. George Jackson & Sons, the Cliveden Conservation Workshop, White Hart Conservation, Carvers & Gilders and all the other craftspeople who laboured on the walls, ceilings and horribly charred mirrors have worked a miracle. In the saloon alone they have worked round, and matched, 5,000 pieces of salvaged woodwork and 1,770 fragments of ceiling, catching exactly the bold spirit of freehand rococo ceiling decoration and the room's intricately patterned neo-classical delicacy. Other restorations will surely benefit from the lessons learnt at Uppark.

The original carvers of the flamboyant mirrors in the red drawing room achieved their effects by vigour and speed. To restore them, Christine Palmer, of Carvers & Gilders, had to creep along matching new sections to old, recreating spontaneity by a method that could hardly be less spontaneous. It was, she says, quite a challenge.

On the night of the fire a great crowd of local people piled in to help to rescue the Canalettos, the fine furniture and all the obvious movable valuables (they even saved strips of wallpaper which, being in the same condition as the textiles, they might have done better to leave). It was the Meade-Fetherstonhaugh sisters, though, who remembered to save the dolls' house that had enchanted them as children.

Sarah Fetherstonhaugh's 1720s dolls' house, seven feet tall and filled with correctly liveried footmen, fine chandeliers and miniature Waterford crystal glasses, is in fact one of Uppark's most precious possessions. The sisters remember an ominous tinkling as the firemen tipped it sideways and the contents all slid into a heap inside.

The odd thing is that when they saw it last week, restored and displayed in an unfamiliar place (the steward's hall instead of the servery by the dining-room) the sisters at first didn't recognise the dolls' house at all. It looked too small, too unmagical, to be the toy their grandmother allowed them to marvel at but not to touch.

Uppark today, then, is not precisely the same place as the house that could be seen ablaze from all over the South Downs six years ago. But it is not a mere pastiche, either: people who worked there before say the atmosphere, and even the smell, of the rooms is just right. The public will be able to judge for themselves when the house reopens in June. Only 30,000 visitors a year used to go, but there is now a timed ticket system in anticipation of much greater interest.

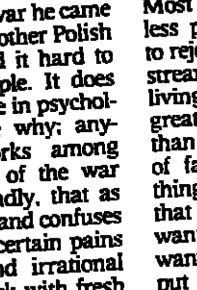
Downstairs in the housekeeper's room, where the young H.G. Wells used to compile a daily scandal sheet called the *Uppark Alarmist*, while his mother, the housekeeper, consulted Debretts on the proper seating arrangements for visiting servants, you can almost hear a ghostly sigh of appreciation for the new paintwork and neatly reordered linen cupboards. The fire wasn't quite all destruction after all; the kitchen paper on which the young Wells did his scribbling had been thought lost, but a roll of it turned up among the debris.

The message from Fred's roadside tent

A war veteran living rough by a ring road has much to teach us

BY THE side of the Wolverhampton ring road in the weekend gales, you might have seen an inspiring sight, the grandeur of the human spirit expressed in ripstop nylon. A frame tent, but also a sort of war memorial: a fitting celebration of what we fought for. Never mind the VE-Day parades, the bands and flags and slimy photo-opportunities; never mind Vera Lynn and Spam fritters and the got-up "controversies" about cleansing towelettes in veterans' lunchboxes having German labels on. Fred Stawinoga's tent, bought for him by the local council for £200, is a better symbol than any of it.

Mr Stawinoga is 72, an imposing figure like a Tolstoyan hermit with a white beard down to his waist. He has lived in the central reservation of the Wolverhampton ring road for some time: indeed, this is the third tent that the council has bought for him. A spokesman says nonchalantly: "We were alerted by a member of the public that his old tent was getting a bit tatty, so we bought him a new one". They would not, the spokesman added, go buying tents for just anyone. Mr Stawinoga is special. "All he wants is to be alone and we understand that," continued the spokesman. "He has a lot of friends who come to visit him. He is not mad, he is a gentleman who has seen some terrible things and is still trying to come to terms with that."



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Mr Stawinoga is Polish-born, and was in a PoW camp. After the war he came to Britain to join other Polish exiles, but found it hard to live among people. It does not take a degree in psychology to imagine why; anybody who works among elderly victims of the war will tell you, sadly, that as old age loosens and confuses your memory, certain pains and terrors and irrational guilts come back with fresh force. You cope with this however you can, and nobody has the right to try to tidy you up. In one day-centre for camp survivors, the staff admit to extraordinary difficulties when — as frequently happens — quarrels and fights break out. If they try authoritatively to quell them, the old men may suddenly drop 50 years and look at the concerned social workers as if they were guards.

Anyway, at last Mr Stawinoga found his personal equilibrium in a tent by the ring road and, by some glorious Wolverhampton miracle, nobody played camp guard. The local authority was visited by a rare spirit of wisdom and opted not to disturb his fragile peace. They stoutly defend this municipal eccentricity. "We have never had any complaints about him". Meals on Wheels whiz down the bypass to the tent and once, he asked for and was given a couple of blankets. And so he lives, neither destitute nor friendless: a modern hermit.

We should be more understanding of hermits. Every society has had its anchorites in their caves and huts, voluntarily dislocated from common aspirations and patterns of life. Wise societies tolerate and even honour the hermits' solitude, feed them and ask their advice. Their perspective, after all, has to be refreshingly different: we should be big enough to accept it. Yet pick up any local paper, any week, and you will read of some poor devil whose makeshift refuge has been condemned, towed away, or cleaned up, even though neighbours protest that he or she was "no trouble" and "a dear old thing".

HERMITS are no threat, for they will always be few. Most rough-sleeping homeless people genuinely want to rejoin some kind of mainstream. Most old people living alone would like a great deal more company than they get, and some kind of family community. The thing about real hermits is that they absolutely do not want any of this stuff. They want to be apart, and will put up with discomfort for that; but they should not be forgotten or starved out.

We owe it to them and to ourselves to respect harmless individualism, even when it is so very odd. We can offer a word, a hand, a meal or a blanket; but have to accept refusals gracefully. We are not, after all, camp guards.

Still deep in love with Steinbeck

Life with the great American author was not always easy, his widow tells

Dalya Alberge

Elaine Steinbeck is 80 and has been talking about her late husband for 26 years, yet she still speaks with the effervescence of a young girl with a new crush.

It is difficult, she admits, to find something new to say about him; but only the other day, she opened a drawer and for the first time came across a scrap of paper on which Steinbeck had scribbled: "Oh, how I love Elaine." She says: "I was overcome," and the tears well again in her eyes.

"I met him on May 1, 1939," she says, as if recalling a diary date from last month. They were together until his death in 1968. "When I am very lonely for John, I read certain parts of his books — the beginning of *The Grapes of Wrath*, pure, perfect writing, or *Pastures of Heaven*."

Elaine comes to London from New York every spring, just as she did with Steinbeck. This time, however, she has a new reason. Today she will present the first literary prize in his honour: the £10,000 Steinbeck award, with Heinemann, his publishers. It is intended to recognise "a work about the people, for the people, like *The Grapes of Wrath*", she says. This powerful story about the oppressed poor, and *Of Mice and Men*, his poignant study of friendship and loyalty between two migrant workers, remain universal and timeless. They have been translated into more than 30 languages. A bookseller in Japan assured her that they stocked *The Angry Raisins* among Steinbeck books: Steinbeck —"one of the funniest men I've known", she says — would have loved that.

But legendary artists are legendary in the difficulties they make for people who live with them. When Steinbeck was writing, there were strict rules about his day and his working area. On rising, early, he would go out with Charlie, a French poodle. "He liked to look at the sea, listen to the birds, go down to the village." Then he would return home to write. But first he had to make his "nest", as she puts it.

Wherever he was — the city, the country, an hotel — he had to have his writing space just right. He liked a desk facing a wall to avoid all distractions. He would work from 8.30am to 4pm, without a break. "I

Elaine Steinbeck: memories

never walked in unless I was invited", she recalls. Before he started, he would sharpen two dozen pencils on his electric sharpener. That was his only concession to technology. Although he learnt to use a typewriter, creative writing, he said, had to be done with paper and pencil. The words, he would tell Elaine, "flow down my head, down my arm, and on to the paper". At 4pm he would go fishing or, if he were writing dialogue, he might try it out on Elaine, reading it out to her. But he certainly did not want any comments. "I made one suggestion when we were first married," she recalls: she observed that a line in *East of Eden* was out of character for Cal. Steinbeck said to her, "You're my wife. You're not my agent."

> 'You're my wife, he said. You're not my agent'

"I started to cry," she says, "then laugh. He did too." She never made a suggestion again. He was at his moodiest and most difficult if struggling with a passage: he became restless and cross.

Their love, she says, was true love. He was a possessive partner, often jealous. He was miserable after a second tempestuous marriage. Elaine, who as a stage-manager on Broadway had worked on productions such as *Oklahoma!*, was married — but unhappily. They began to meet secretly. On one date, he drove her to Salinas, the remote Californian town, pointing out the Victorian house in which he was born. "I asked him when he started writing." He said: "I don't remember a time when I didn't write."

Although a shy man, he spoke his mind. Elaine recalls the day that Marlon Brando came round to discuss the script for *Viva Zapata*, which their close friend Elia Kazan was directing. At first, Brando sat slumped in a chair. Then, he lay on the floor with his feet up on the coffee-table. Elaine remembers Steinbeck saying: "Young man, if you expect me to speak to you, your feet must be lower than your head." Brando replied: "Yes sir," quickly moving. The Steinbecks had a cottage in Somerset. It was there that he wrote his story of King Arthur. It was, she recalls, near Glastonbury, where Arthur was buried, and had a magic that fired his imagination.

When Steinbeck was on his deathbed, he asked her: "What's the best time we've had together?" She answered by suggesting that they each jot down on a scrap of paper their favourite moment. Both wrote "Somerset". It must have been the last time he put pen to paper.

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Matthew Parris

■ Supporters of the Prime Minister relish the prospect of being able to say "we told you so"

It has become important to my social life and self-confidence that John Major's popularity remain at a low ebb for the rest of his time in Downing Street. To be a Majorite these days is to belong to the best club in Britain: I want it to remain a bit exclusive.

One says so with regret. After all, he has a pressing political need to recruit new admirers. As a firm supporter of this Prime Minister, my better nature tells me I should wish him a rise in the opinion polls. It would be the best outcome for Britain.

But not for me. For me it is better that the opinion of the herd should continue to run against him, and for a simple reason. In any pub, social gathering or dinner party, there is now a time-saving way of spotting the worthwhile people. While the others are yacking on about top people's pay, the condition of the underclass, or complaining that you soon won't be able to get a sleeper train to Fort William to go skiing any more, or giggling at each other's imitations of the Prime Minister's voice, the person you want to meet — the one with the mind of her own — is quietly supporting Mr Major.

Listen to old women and you won't go far wrong

It is remarkable how appreciation of Major's calibre as a national leader correlates with intellect, sensitivity and independence of judgment. I honestly know nobody it would be accurate to call decent and bright, who would not privately assent to the proposition that John Major is doing a better job than it's fashionable to allow. Such sympathisers, incidentally, include Tony Blair. Not all of them are rooting for him, of course; but the extent to which they do tends to accord with their mental capacity, their moral courage and their detachment from clique mentality.

One meets them all the time. A range of types answers to the description, but notable among them is a group that I have long learned to trust: intelligent old ladies.

I have found that sharp-minded elderly women, particularly spinsters or those of independent but limited means, are the most thoughtful about the past, the most alive to present truths, and the quickest to spot where things are going. These women were noticing Margaret Thatcher's uncommon abilities in the 1970s, when the establishment view among Tories, including the brogue-shod chaps who have since become Thatcher cultists, was that she was a silly middle-class housewife who didn't understand politics. A decade later, when the brogue shoes were gibbering with adoration, the old ladies were among the first to note that Mrs Thatcher was in a state of lift-off from reality. Old women notice things.

These women are now the insistent minority voice, sticking up for Major at the tea-table or political meeting. These women always had doubts about Michael Heseltine. These women are taking Tony Blair with a big pinch of salt. Follow these women and you will not go far wrong.

But please do not follow them in any great numbers. Nothing is more pleasing than to be outside the herd, in the company of a small but distinguished group whose opinion is unpopular but who know they are right. So sure am I of this that a mark of my own respect for the intellect of another is a confidence that if he is anti-Major, this will pass; it's just a stage he is going through. One knows, for instance, that Charles Moore will come over, and I even believe (against the evidence) that my admired predecessor as this paper's parliamentary sketch-writer, Frank Johnson, will move our way. Nor have I despaired of Anatole Kaletsky. When one looks at the types going over to Blair, one just knows one was right.

It is nice in politics — and rare — to become sure of something. I can say with a sort of insouciance born of complete, rational conviction, that John Major will be revalued as the years go on: upwards. It is pleasing to know that the further shores of European integration never were, never could be, and never will be reached, and that Major's European holding operation will look, as the months pass, ever more shrewd.

It is pleasing to know that from the perspective of 2000, a beacon of the 1990s will be the growing recognition that citizens are consumers as much of the State as of Tesco's, and that it was John Major, mocked at first, who caused the idea to strike root. And it is pleasing to know that if his work on Northern Ireland fails, it will still be respected, and if it succeeds, it will stand foremost among the achievements of post-war premiers. Such certainties are a comfort to share.

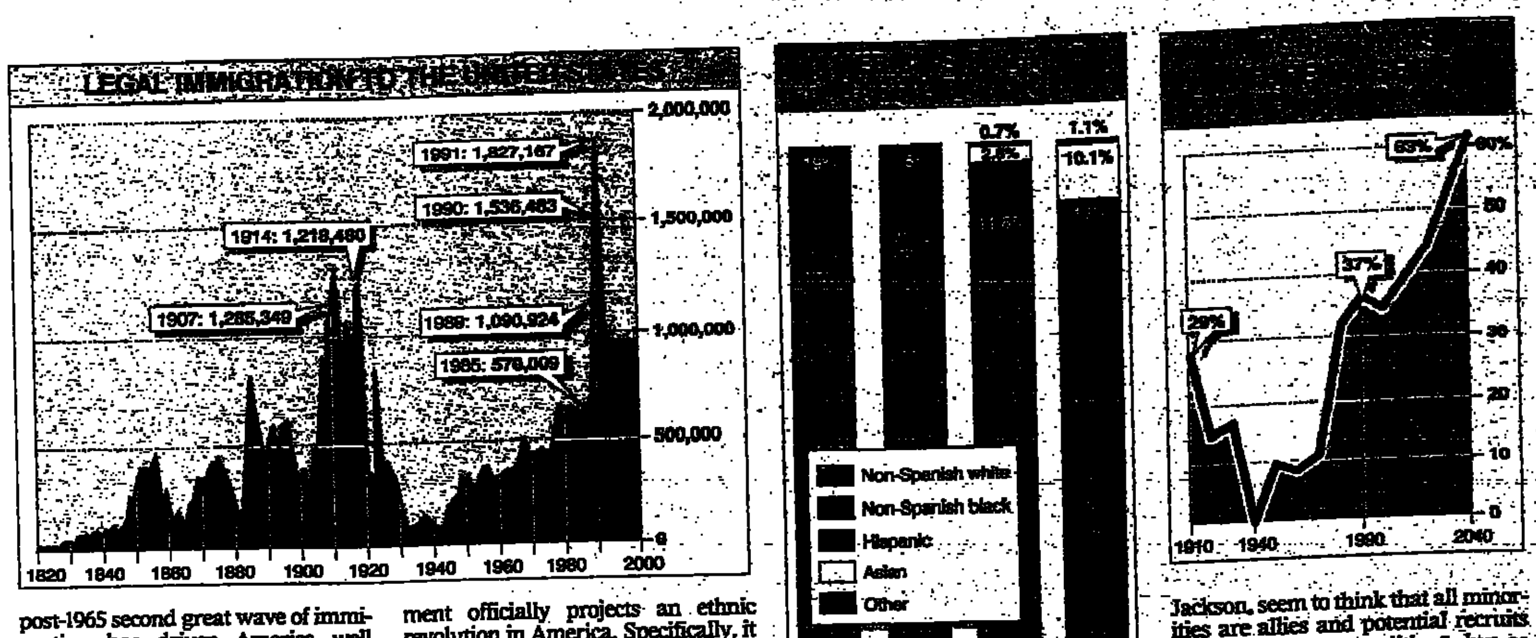
But not too widely. Like some delightful and secluded beach to which one has discovered a path, appreciating Mr Major is a pleasure restricted at present to just a few. We know we are right, we half want you to know, too, and we'd half rather you didn't.

Just recently, hundreds of thousands have been going over from Major to Labour. For every ten who do, one or two stay loyal or even come our way. From the pollster's viewpoint, such arithmetic dismays. It is only when you compare the calibre of those leaving with those staying or joining that confidence in our bet, and his future, returns. Margaret Thatcher only had a minority of us in 1976. I won a considerable bet against an officeful of Tory toffs, on her accession to the leadership.

Never mind the width, John, feel the quality.

In the second extract from his new book, **Peter Brimelow** explains the squeeze on American whites

When whites become a minority



Immigration to the United States is at an all-time zenith. In the language of jet-plane test pilots, America is pushing right to the outside edge of its "performance envelope". The country is changing fast, and not for the better.

You can see from a glance at the first chart that the immigration peak of 1990-91 towers above the previous record, set in 1907. During the decade from 1901 to 1910, about 8.7 million immigrants arrived in the United States. In the decade 1981-90, legal immigration amounted to some 7.3 million. Which means that, counting illegal immigrants — who were not a factor in the earlier period, when the borders were more or less open — the 1981-90 numbers probably matched, and may well have exceeded, the earlier record.

Another glance reveals a further interesting phenomenon: 1900-1914 was itself exceptional. Today's immigration is not just at record levels compared with 1901-14: by historical standards, it is extraordinarily high. Immigration rose rapidly by 1968, and has never looked back.

At the beginning of the century, America's birthrate was as much as twice what it is now. Today, American Anglo-Saxons are reproducing below replacement levels, which are generally defined as 2.1 children per woman. So post-1965 immigrants are having a much greater demographic impact on America, proportionately, than the pre-1925 first great wave of immigration. Hence the steadily shifting ethnic balance.

Demographers like to measure this effect by expressing immigration as a proportion of population change. Population change, of course, is the birthrate (which is down in this case), less the death rate (which is also down), plus net immigration (up). According to the Urban Institute, the result is that shown in the right-hand chart. This clearly shows that the post-1965 second great wave of immigration has driven America well outside its historical envelope. Immigration in the 1980s was contributing a significantly higher proportion of population growth (37.1 per cent) than it had been in the much discussed decade 1900-1910 (27.8 per cent).

But the band played on. Despite these numbers, immigration enthusiasts continued to talk about immigration being really still quite low.

Looking at immigration's contribution to population growth, however, still does not finish the story. After immigrants arrive in the United States, they have children too. In some cases they have children at a faster pace than the native-born Americans. So the true impact of immigration is the proportion of immigrants *and their descendants* in the American population.

So what impact will all of this have on America? In one word: profound. As reported and projected by the Bureau of the Census, it can be seen on the middle chart. The Government officially projects an ethnic revolution in America. Specifically, it expects that by 2050, American whites will be on the point of becoming a minority.

My little son Alexander will be 59. I won't be here, of course. Neither will most of you reading this page. Still, we probably stand a chance of making it to 2020. In that year, the Census Bureau projects that just under than 64 per cent of Americans will be white. And among children under 15, whites will be on the point of becoming a minority. The Census Bureau is apparently afraid to estimate the fateful day when American whites actually cease to be a majority. Leon Bouvier thinks it will dawn before 2060. Alexander will be 69.

In 1965, the Senate sponsor of that year's Immigration Bill, Senator Philip Hart, a Democrat from Michigan, denounced critics of his legislation. "The notion was created," he said, "that 190 million [the American population at the time] are going to be swallowed up. None of us would want that, the Bill does not seek to do it and the Bill would not do it."

And the President, Lyndon Johnson, as he signed the Bill into said: "This is not a revolutionary Bill. It does not affect the lives of millions."

A white minority is not the only aspect of the ethnic revolution visible in the middle chart. The chart also shows that, just recently, America suddenly ceased to be what it had been throughout its history: a biracial society. The 1990 census reported that blacks are now outnumbered by the total of other minorities for the first time. The media were almost totally silent. The Census Bureau now projects that blacks will be displaced by Hispanics as the largest single minority sometime in the second decade of next century.

Black political leaders, such as Jesse Jackson, seem to think that all minorities are allies and potential recruits to their "rainbow coalition", but as usual with immigration, ordinary blacks take a much dimmer view. Enormous majorities of blacks tell pollsters that immigration is a problem. They worry that the new minorities are rivals, out-competing them and muscling in on programmes that were designed to help blacks alone.

"The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel," said the 18th-century English writer Horace Walpole. In America it should be the other way around. To those that feel, causing the United States to admit more immigrants generates a warm, self-congratulatory comforting glow. To those that think, however, more immigration is quite plainly not a solution, even for the potential immigrants themselves. Tragedy is unavoidable.

Peter Brimelow's Alien Nation *is published by Random House.*

Misled by both parties

Tax cuts or spending rises? Both are rash promises, argues **Peter Riddell**

At the last election, Labour promised to increase spending on social provision and threatened to raise taxes on the better-off. John Major's Government has delivered both, and more. That is not unusual. Governing parties often end up doing what they have warned that their opponents will do if they should win office. Of course, there are differences in the distribution of gains and losses, but the similarities in overall levels of spending and tax between a Tony Blair and a John Major Government are greater than either likes to admit.

That is why the row about Labour's party political broadcast last Wednesday missed the point. The use of the word "lying" a dozen times about Mr Major's statements on tax in 1992 was crude and demeaning.

Yet the Tories did mislead voters over taxes (whether by being grossly over-optimistic about the economy or by ignoring announced spending increases is a matter of opinion). The real error of the broadcast, however, was to fall into the same trap. Labour claimed that social progammes had been cut, when expenditure, particularly on education, has risen. It may be smaller than many would like, but an increase is still an increase.

This is more than just familiar partisan knockabout. Both parties mislead the public over tax and spending. The Tories claim that it is possible to have big tax cuts and at the same time maintain health, education and social provision, while Labour pretends that standards can be improved without tax rises for all.

The reality is that both parties are tightly constrained. It is impossible to divorce taxes from the size of the public sector or from the state of the economy. No wonder Kenneth Clarke is so exasperated with the demand of the unthinking Tory right for a three-year programme of tax cuts. These MPs do not seem to be aware of market worries about inflation and borrowing, and they do not deserve to be taken seriously until they produce genuine expenditure savings, apart from platitudes about waste and administrative costs.

The nature of the constraints is highlighted by *Inheritance in Public Policy*, a study of the limits of choice by two political scientists, Richard Rose and Phillip Davies. Looking at government programmes over decades, rather than merely years, they argue that inherited commitments to programmes already under way severely limit the freedom of choice of any government. For instance, in 1989, only a tenth of public expenditure went on programmes initiated by Margaret Thatcher's Government, though it had been in office for ten years.

The public remains attached to the main social programmes. If there is a downside to public spending, then an upward limit on taxation is provided by public hostility to tax increases. However much polls suggest that there is a theoretical willingness to pay more for improved public services, governments that raise taxes are punished, as the Tories know only too well.

Neither the overall share of public spending in the economy nor the tax burden has fallen over the 16 Tory years. Indeed the tax share is slightly higher than in 1979, and is due to rise.

Within these constraints, Governments do have choices which can have big effects for those directly affected. The Tories can claim it is a real achievement to have limited the expansion of the public sector. While Nigel Lawson was Chancellor, spending was held down, as it is again being now. This involves tight squeezes on some programmes, but the difficulty of achieving the real overall cuts promised in 1979 is underlined by the limited success of the fundamental expenditure reviews launched two years ago. There has been almost no rolling back of state responsibilities apart from Social Security, where Peter Lilley, the most effective of the Cabinet right-wingers, has cut back invalidity, unemployment and other benefits to produce total savings of £4 billion over three years.

Labour's record would be different. Gordon Brown talks of using existing resources better by, for instance, new "welfare-to-work" programmes which would reduce long-term and youth unemployment. These savings are unproven, and it would be hard to resist pressures for at least some increase in social programmes, and hence in taxes. It is futile to pretend otherwise, just as it is absurd for the Tories to argue that this would mean a return to the tax rates of the 1970s. A Blair Government would almost certainly have a top marginal rate of income tax well below the 60 per cent which the Tories maintained from 1979 to 1988.

Current Tory attempts to maximise differences are as misplaced as Labour's pretence that the choices can be brushed aside. This is the real test for new Labour. Mr Blair's victory next Saturday over the rewriting of Clause Four is not just a stunt, as Conservative Central Office inanely claims. Anyone who doubts the reality of Labour's divisions should read the outpouring of bile against the Blairites from the hard Left in each week's issue of *Tribune*. But this change is only a preliminary step in re-establishing Labour as a credible party of government.

At present, Labour is trying to have a free ride. While Mr Brown is rightly trying to shed Labour's "high spend, high tax" image, that cannot be done merely by ruling out new commitments or by weasel words from spokesmen about expanding budgets "as resources permit". By criticising the Government's health and education record as strongly as they do without explaining what they would do themselves, Labour leaders are raising expectations irresponsibly.

Mr Blair wants his party to behave as if it were in government. That means recognising the tax and spending constraints that face any party in office.

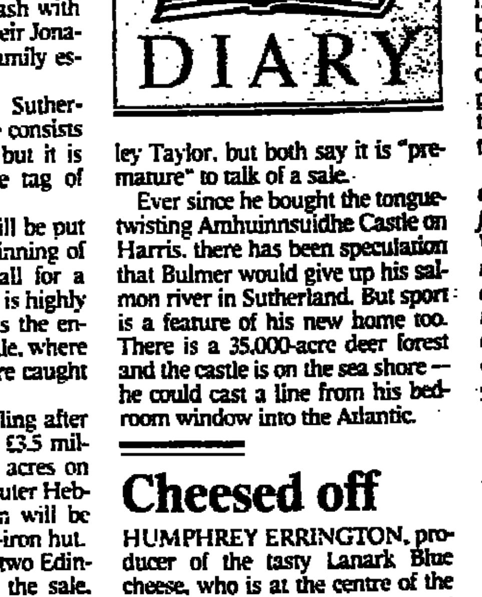
Disciplinarian

BETTY BOOTHROYD has leapt to champion the incomparable Tiller Girls. She maintains that even men trained to kill for their country do not measure up in terms of strict discipline to the high-kicking dance troupe of which she was once a member.

The headmistress of the Commons has taken exception to an article written by my colleague Matthew Parris last week, in which he mused on the failure of the Conservative MP for Blaby, Andrew Robathan, to make it back to Westminster on time after the Easter recess. "How can an ex-SAS officer fail to make it back, when our own Betty Boothroyd, trained only with the Tiller Girls, crawls through landslides in the Atlas Mountains to be here on time?" he asked.

Madam Speaker, whose Land Rover was swamped in mud after Morocco's worst storm in 20 years, promptly wrote to Parris to put him straight. "How dare you say 'trained only . . .'? They are the most disciplined group of folk you could ever wish to be associated with," she wrote. "P.S. The SAS has nothing on the Tiller School."

● *The Tower of London is planning to grow tobacco for the first time since the 17th century, to add colour to the Bloody Tower, where the imprisoned Sir Walter Raleigh cultivated the golden weed.*



"I call him Blair, because he keeps veering to the right"

In cider info

SCOTTISH society is awash with talk of plans by the cider heir Jonathan Bulmer to put his family estate on the market.

Situated in north east Sutherland, the Halladale estate consists almost solely of a river, but it is expected to have a price tag of about £2 million.

The Halladale estate will be put on the market at the beginning of May. Although it is small for a Scottish sporting estate, it is highly prized because it contains the entire 12-mile River Halladale, where more than 300 salmon are caught each year.

Bulmer, aged 50, is selling after his recent purchase of a £3.5 million castle, set in 50,000 acres on the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides, where his children will be educated in a corrugated-iron hut.

Bulmer has appointed two Edinburgh estate agents for the sale, Knight Frank & Rutley and Langley Taylor, but both say it is "premature" to talk of a sale.

Ever since he bought the tongue-twisting Amhuinnsuidhe Castle on Harris, there has been speculation that Bulmer would give up his salmon river in Sutherland. But sport is a feature of his new home too. There is a 35,000-acre deer forest and the castle is on the sea shore — he could cast a line from his bedroom window into the Atlantic.

Cheesed off

HUMPHREY ERRINGTON, producer of the tasty Lanark Blue cheese, who is at the centre of the ludicrous and lengthy Department of Health row about unpasteurised cheese, recently suffered a communications setback. His preparations for crucial legal wrangles this week were thrown into turmoil when he lost the use of his telephone.

"I was sitting in the farm office on the phone and my saddleback pig, Brenda, was staring in through the window at me as she often does," he explains. "Then the phone went dead and I realised that she had chomped through the telephone cable."

● *As a train from Waterloo bound for the West Country pulled into Woking station on Saturday evening a charming announcement came over the loudspeaker. "Customers should use the front three carriages only due to an outbreak of fleas."*

Fairy Nuff

AT A luncheon over the weekend to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, held appropriately in a marquee beside the Avon at Stratford, Margaret Drabble told of the trials of being junior at school to Judi Dench. Both were at the Mount School, York, and some years later they worked together with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Jet: brawn for brains

Drabble had walk-on parts and wrote novels in the dressing-room, while Dench played leads. In *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Drabble was a fairy serving Dench's Titania, and was required to carry her onto the stage. "The other three fairies weren't very keen on this bit," she recalled. "I was not bothered. I had done it before in the school production."

Glad lads

IN A BID to get students fighting fit for their finals, the Oxford Union has recruited a gladiator to put them through their paces. The pulchritudinous Jet, from the TV show *Gladiators*, is to hold a mass "aerobotherapy" work-out in the Union chamber.

Pasty-faced youths whose usual fitness regime involves nothing more strenuous than lifting a pint pot of ale have been rushing to sign up for the class. "I really need to get myself fit," insists the excited Union president, David Pinto-Duschinsky. "I'll not have another opportunity like this with Jet." With his instructor bristling with what look like biceps on her biceps, he would be unwise to try any funny business.

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TERROR IN THE VILLAGE

America confronts the enemy within

Last week, *The Wall Street Journal* published a powerful editorial on the Oklahoma City bomb which argued that America had become, in the east European phrase, a "village without dogs" to protect it. When the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building took the blast, the newspaper claimed, the most powerful nation on earth had suddenly seemed impotent and vulnerable before its enemies. Like most observers, the *Journal* appeared to assume that international terrorists had been at work and cautioned the United States not to drop its guard against foreign threats.

Yet since the arrest last week of Timothy McVeigh, the 27-year-old right-wing extremist charged with the attack, and a second suspect yesterday, Americans have had to face an even less palatable possibility: that the threat comes from within the village. McVeigh is believed to be associated with a variety of radical groups, including the Michigan Militia, one of many heavily-armed paramilitary organisations that have gained strength recently in response to what they perceive as tyrannical curtailment of their freedoms by Washington. These groups exist in at least 23 of the 50 states. Many preach a militaristic creed based on the conviction that central Government, whose actions are no longer conferred legitimacy by the Cold War, is determined to deprive ordinary Americans of their ancestral freedoms. They consider President Clinton's efforts to restrict gun control as sinister authoritarianism and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms as the footsoldiers of a conspiracy to disarm and enslave Americans.

The Michigan Militia has also been a strong supporter of the Branch Davidian cult, which was overwhelmed by federal agents at Waco two years ago. In the warped imagination of paramilitaries such as McVeigh, the Branch Davidian leader David Koresh has become a martyr to their fanatical libertarian principles. To those outside the United States, such delusions may seem so bizarre as to be beneath contempt. To ordinary Americans, however, they are more unsettling. The language of these new extremists perverts some of the oldest and noblest concerns in American political life.

Much has been made of the fact that the Oklahoma City blast took place on the second anniversary of the storming of the Branch Davidian compound. It may be equally important that April 19 was the day in 1775 when the first battles of the American war of independence were fought at Lexington and Concord. The new paramilitaries consciously identify with the "Minutemen" of the American Revolution, the militiamen who were available at a minute's notice. They cite the American constitution's decree that "a well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed".

Opposition to overweaning government has long been part of political discourse — it is, of course, a philosophy enshrined in America's constitution. In recent years, it has found an acceptable face in Ronald Reagan's "new federalism", which sought to assert the power of individual states against the Union's encroachments: it fuelled both the electoral rebellion against Washington led by Ross Perot and the "Contract with America" championed by Newt Gingrich.

To see this anti-authoritarian language hijacked by murderous paramilitaries is a painful experience for the American people. There may be more painful introspection to come. The end of aggressive Communism marked the end of a chapter in American life. It is no longer clear where the enemy is to be found. The relationship between centre and locality looks more nervous and strained. The militia may look back on the American War of Independence; more conventional analysts look back to the Civil War and the period of weak presidential rule that followed it. The imperial presidency reinstated during this century by Franklin D. Roosevelt looks less powerful. For a nation used to threats from without, the Oklahoma bomb represents something new and forbidding.

GOVERNING PRINCIPLES

Howard Davies is the right man for the Bank of England

The appointment of Howard Davies as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England is testimony to how much has changed in the past 20 years in the way that the British economy is run. Twenty years ago, the head of the Confederation of British Industry would have been an unlikely candidate for the number two appointment at the Bank of England.

In the days when great issues were settled over tripartite beer and sandwiches at Downing Street, the Director-General of the CBI was as much in the mainstream of events as the officials of the Bank were in a backwater. The Bank was an institution with almost no power over policy. Its main role was to act as a spokesman for City interests and then to police the ever more byzantine regulations imposed by the Treasury on the financial sector, usually against the Bank's advice.

Even two years ago, when John Major announced the appointment of Rupert Pennant-Rea, Mr Davies' luckless predecessor as Deputy Governor, the policy role of the Bank seemed unimportant enough for this decision to arouse little controversy. Few commentators saw fit to mention Mr Pennant-Rea's long record of misjudgment over ERM membership as a possible disqualification for running the Bank.

Today, however, the power relationship between the Bank and the Treasury has decisively shifted. Although interest rate decisions are still nominally made by the Chancellor, he now always acts after consultation with the Bank and the nature of that consultation has become increasingly one-sided. The Bank has not been made formally independent, but Mr Major has instructed it to formulate its advice to the Chancellor independently of the Treasury, to deliver it frankly and then to publish it a month later. As a result, it has become almost impossible for the Treasury to overrule the Bank's judgment without being accused of playing politics with the economy and triggering a financial collapse.

Whether this shift of power was deliberate or an unintended consequence of what was supposed to be just a modest exercise in open government, the result is the same: the Bank is now perhaps the most important policy-making institution in Britain. On that basis, it is hardly surprising that Mr Davies is willing to give up the CBI leadership to join the Bank.

Indeed, the Bank ought to be grateful to have him. He brings close links to both political parties, proven communiication skills that will be increasingly important for a more independent institution, and an unusual record of defying conventional wisdom and overcoming bureaucratic inertia.

In his last public appointment as head of the Audit Commission, he showed most of the virtues that could be demanded from one charged with supervising banking policy. His stewardship of the CBI has already encouraged critics who see him as too enthusiastic for European monetary union. But his record suggests more a realist under the sway of the CBI membership than a Euro-enthusiast cheering on the reluctant voices of industry.

Mr Davies is not a banker. But then the Bank of England, by the same token, is not strictly a bank. It is a public authority charged with contributing to responsible public policy. Mr Davies can be expected to serve it well.

ART AND ELECTRICITY

Portugal must abandon its dam on the Côa river

The opposition in Portugal to the construction of a dam on the Côa river, 250 miles north-east of Lisbon, has grown greatly in voice and spirit. Those who oppose the dam, commissioned by the state-owned power company Electricidade de Portugal, do so on the grounds that its construction would drown forever one of the worlds's most valuable open-air sites of Paleolithic rock art. Since *The Times* published its first critical leading article on the subject on March 11 — and its second on April 10 — the issue of the Côa dam has acquired a place in Portugal's political debate.

Increasingly, the Côa controversy has become an issue in October's national elections. The campaign against the Portuguese Government's blindness to public opinion, and its moral blunder in destroying some of the earliest art of Europe in order to generate electricity, has led Anibal Cavaco Silva, the country's Prime Minister, to utter intemperate words against foreign critics of his policy. But the argument of those who oppose the dam is based only in part on the proposition that the rock art of the Côa valley is the patrimony of all mankind. It is based as strongly on the claim that the country does not need the electricity from the dam so desperately as to sacrifice the site of these 20,000-year-old etchings. Electricidade de Portugal has admitted that the Côa dam, far from being a provider of plentiful power to Portugal, will generate only a fifth of the energy already obtained from other hydro-electric barrages in the Douro region. Yet it suppressed critical archeological reports, and awarded contracts to build the 136 metre high dam. Unesco has argued vigorously that construction work on the dam must stop. Its reasons are not exclusively cultural: it contends that the country's coffers could benefit substantially from the tourism generated from a protected site.

Even the country's President, Mario Soares, has declared publicly his opposition to the dam. Lisbon, in a desperate search for compromises, has suggested cutting the rocks out and transplanting them elsewhere: there are echoes here of Abu Simbel and the Aswan High dam.

Yet Portugal in the 1990s cannot be compared with Egypt in the 1960s; and the arguable case, that Aswan was central to Egypt's economic development at the time, is not valid here. Evidence suggests that the people of Portugal are all too aware of this: only they, in the final estimate, can stop their Government from committing such act of vandalism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Church Commissioners and mixed fortunes

From Mr E. G. Nugee, QC

Sir, Writing as a Church Commissioner since 1990, I see hardly any recognition in the House of Commons Social Security Committee's report (details and leading article, April 21) of the distinctive feature of the Church Commissioners' position: namely that the Commissioners' power to apply money for the support of the Church is by statute limited to the *income* of their assets. This makes the committee's comparison of the Commissioners' performance with that of pension funds, which are not subject to such a restriction, unfair.

Coopers & Lybrand's report showed that, in the nine years from 1982 to 1991, the cost of living, measured by the retail prices index, rose by 64.4 per cent. In the same period (which covers both the boom and the slump in property prices), the market value of the Commissioners' assets rose by 77.5 per cent; while the Commissioners' income, which is the only money under their control that can be used for the benefit of the Church, rose by 139.5 per cent.

It is this success in increasing income that enabled the Commissioners to raise clergy pay between 1981 and 1991 by 44 per cent more than the rise in the cost of living (2 per cent higher than the rise in national average earnings), and in addition to pay the clergy's community charge: to raise clergy pensions during the same period by 82 per cent in real terms: to provide a two-thirds widow's pension and a lump sum of three times the pension on retirement: and to assist the clergy with the cost of housing and of cars.

As for the "loss" of £800 million of which you, Sir, and the committee make so much, the facts are that between 1985 and 1989 the total value placed on the Commissioners' assets in their accounts rose from £1,944 million to £3,081 million, and in the next three years it fell to £2,211 million.

Many householders experienced similar fluctuations in the values of their homes during the same period. The fact that the paper value of their home fell by 25 per cent from its peak in 1989 does not mean that they have suffered a loss of that amount.

The committee places too much emphasis on capital values, when what the Commissioners had to be concerned with, since they cannot spend capital, was the long-term maximisation of income.

Hindsight is a wonderful aid to investment. Sadly, the Commissioners' assets committee did not possess it at the time. Amid all the criticisms of their honest (and in most cases unpaid) exertions to serve the Church in the 1980s (not all of which, admittedly, are unjustified), it is right not to overlook the very considerable extent to which they succeeded in raising the standard of living of the serving and retired clergy.

Yours faithfully,
E. G. NUGEE,
Wilberforce Chambers,
8 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
April 21.

From the Reverend Malcolm A. Johnson

Sir, Many clergy must be concerned at the scant attention apparently paid to the huge losses sustained by the Church Commissioners and by the breathtaking arrogance of those responsible.

Your leading article rightly points out that financial responsibility must now be devolved to individual parishes but this means more than the tiny groups of weekly worshippers. The question you do not ask is whether local Anglican churches are worth supporting. Some are, some are not. Presumably parishioners will now apply the same criteria they use for all their charitable giving: is there accountability of buildings and resources, do the books balance and are the aims of the charity achieved?

A local church should be providing worship of the highest standard, a relevant education programme, service to the community and a sensitive strategy of evangelism. Only if priests and people are taking these aims seriously are they worthy of financial support.

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM JOHNSON
(Master), The Royal Foundation
of Saint Katharine,
2 Butcher Row, E14.
April 21.

From the Reverend Richard Thomas

Sir, A clear distinction needs to be drawn between the financial administration of the Church Commissioners and the financial management of the Church of England, most of which is done by individual dioceses.

Where the Church has been able to exercise direct financial control of its affairs it has shown the opposite of the recklessness and foolishness charged by the Commons Social Security Committee. Clear and precise financial management has increased income from glebe, raised levels of giving and won the confidence of parishes. The Church's own Central Board of Finance has shown above-average returns on investment, and weathered the recent collapse of Barings admirably.

It is also worth recalling that in 1991 the Bishop of Oxford challenged the ethical policy of the Commissioners through the process of a judicial review (reports, October 8, 26, 1991). Had the full extent of their activities been known at that time he might have won his case.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD THOMAS
(Communications Officer),
The Diocese of Oxford,
Diocesan Church House,
North Hinksey, Oxford.
April 21.

From Professor Emeritus Luke Herrmann

Sir, Your leader stresses that "financial responsibility must be properly devolved to individual parishes", and that "a new balance must be struck, giving greater emphasis to local self-sufficiency".

What you fail to point out is that this advocates a return to traditional policies, when parishes could often be self-sufficient largely because of the generosity of parishioners over the centuries. However, in recent decades most parishes have been deprived of that base by the enforced sale of their glebe lands, rectories and the like, with the proceeds going to central funds.

Now parishioners are being asked to increase their regular giving. I am sure there would be more sympathy towards such demands if those responsible for the enormous material losses suffered by the Church would at least apologise.

Yours faithfully,
LUKE HERRMANN,
The Coombes, Sibbertoft,
Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Education issues

From Mr Rainer Burchett

Sir, I suspect the real reason there are fewer students with working-class backgrounds going to university today than in the postwar years (Janet Daley, April 13) has more to do with harsh realities of finance than with differences in teachers' attitudes.

I came from an impoverished middle-class background and went to university in the late 1950s on a full maintenance grant on which I lived with no difficulty, as did many of the working-class students with whom I studied.

It is now clearly impossible for a student to survive on the grant, some 80 per cent of which will typically go on rent, and even if, in spite of the uncertain job prospects for graduates, the student is willing to incur the burden of a student loan, he or she is still likely to find an annual deficit of around £1,000 a year. Furthermore, it was much easier when I was a student to get vacation jobs to supplement income than it is today.

Yours faithfully,
RAINER BURCHETT,
29 Aldenham Avenue,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.
April 14.

From Dr G. J. Cresswell

Sir, When I was at a state junior school in the East End of London in the late 1950s I was, for a short period, in a class of 64. I remember this clearly because as a "milk monitor" I was one of four children whose job it was to fetch, for the morning break, two full crates of milk (30 bottles each) plus four extra bottles perched on top.

Despite the deprivation in that environment at that time, the classes, and the education process, proceeded efficiently and effectively in an atmosphere of cathedral calm under the stern, didactic and utterly unprogressive command of a Miss Nora Wynne (whom I thank daily and who, I hope, is still alive to read this tribute).

Many of us passed the "11-plus" and went on to universities. It did not take the Labour Party long to realise that, if this were allowed to continue, a dangerously large proportion of its natural constituency would end up voting Conservative.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. CRESSWELL,
The Old Pump House,
Kilmeston, Alresford, Hampshire.
April 13.

From Dr D. E. Wilson

Sir, Your leading article, "Answer the question" (April 13), echoes Janet Daley's point about the irrelevance of class size to the transmission of knowledge. The issue, it seems to me, can be resolved by a simple market-oriented and essentially practical test: where is the independent school which attracts parents by advertising class sizes of 40 — and then charges a premium for the privilege?

Yours sincerely,
D. E. WILSON,
The Keep House,
Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent.

Oklahoma City

From Mr Colin Boyd

Sir, Like your two correspondents this morning, my initial thought on hearing of the American bomb tragedy was: "Now you know what it feels like." However, it is assuredly wrong to consider the American people so harshly as a result of one man's (mistaken?) dealings with Gerry Adams.

Our short-term anger must surely pale into insignificance when the celebrations for VE-Day commence in a matter of days and the fuller scale of American friendship and sacrifice on our behalf is remembered. I regret that I cannot offer more positive comfort and support than to say sorry for my initial thoughts and remember their past friendship to us.

Sincerely,
COLIN BOYD,
6 Partridge Close,
Upper Bruntingthorpe,
Lutterworth, Leicestershire.
April 21.

From Miss Sarah Mulholland

Sir, The bombing in Oklahoma City is horrifying in its brutality, and indeed demands the swift and determined action from the American Government promised by President Clinton (report, April 20). His words, however, served to highlight the current ambiguity of our understanding of the concept of justice and morality in the context of crime and punishment.

Justice in a developed society is said not to be retributive, but rather educative and rehabilitative. Such justice would not be described as severe — this is a word which implies an element of retribution. Few people could truly claim that the prime function of punishment against terrorist extremists serves either as a deterrent or as rehabilitation. These functions lie rather in preventive security measures and longer-term political solutions.

Moral integrity demands that we recognise the underlying motives of retribution and revenge as inseparable from those of justice.

I believe that we should recognise this principle honestly, rather than cloaking it in terms designed to disguise its true nature. Justice may inevitably imply revenge as an intrinsic part of justice. Let us not pretend otherwise.

Sincerely,
SARAH MULHOLLAND,
c/o Imperial Chemical Industries plc
(Acids and Salts),
PO Box 14, The Heath,
Runcorn, Cheshire.
April 20.

From Mr Edward Sandars

Sir, Your report, "Downing Street gates should go to exploit London's top tourist attraction" (April 20), illustrated by a tranquil Canaletto scene in 1750, reads like a plea for disarmament in the 1930s when juxtaposed against the reports elsewhere in the same issue on the Oklahoma City bomb tragedy, Madrid car bomb explosion and Tamil explosions in Sri Lanka. Tourism must take second place to safety in the 1990s.

Yours etc,
EDWARD SANDARS,
Ashton House, Church Street,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
April 21.

Problems in Sudan

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of the Sudan

Sir, It is sad to see Sudan portrayed as a hateful, barbaric nation ("The suffering of Sudan", Bernard Levin, April 14). Mr Levin's attack on Islamic laws constitutes a plain breach of both our freedom of religion and of our sovereignty.

The problem of Southern Sudan is an African problem. Tribalism — not ideology or religion — is at its root. That is why the Sudan Government has adopted a federal system, as recommended by the late British administrators of Sudan, to accommodate the tribal/regional differences.

The present Government is very keen to reach a political solution. Over the past five years it has held 14 rounds of talks with the rebels to this end, and last month it responded positively to a call by ex-President Carter, declaring a fourth unilateral ceasefire to give peace another chance.

Yours etc,
ABDEL RAHMAN BAKHEIT,
Embassy of the Republic
of the Sudan,
3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.

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Bermuda bird at risk

From Sir Christopher Lever

Sir, I was concerned to read in the report, "Bonus for Bermuda" (Travel News, April 20), that, as a result of the withdrawal of the US Navy from Bermuda on September 1, there have been calls for the site, on Cooper's Island in Castle Harbour, "to be zoned for a new, top-class hotel resort, a golf course, or a film institute".

This ecologically sensitive area of Bermuda is the sole breeding ground of the endemic Cahow or Bermuda Petrel (*Pterodroma cahow*) which, with a population of only some 50 pairs, is one of the world's rarest birds.

Only the restoration and management of Cooper's Island as a national park and nature reserve, as has been done with the neighbouring Nonsuch Island which has acquired international renown as a restoration success story, will ensure the long-term survival of the Cahow. The Bermuda Government should be strongly urged not to allow the development of this ecologically important site purely for commercial interests.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LEVER,
Newell House,
Winkfield, Windsor, Berkshire.
April 21.

Improving safety of ro-ro ferries

From Dr L. C. Laming

Sir, The submission by the Royal Institution of Marine Architects to the Transport Select Committee on roll-on, roll-off ferry safety (report, April 20) raises some important design issues.

Capsize is the worst thing that can befall a passenger vessel. Next to that in severity is a heavy list to one side, which can seriously impede all rescue operations. Recent analysis within my department of the *Estonia* capsize shows that this form of vessel can develop a list of 15 to 20 degrees with 10 inches of water aboard an unobstructed deck. That is enough to render half the lifeboats useless, and make it dangerous to fill the others. We calculated that about 20 inches of water were needed to cause capsize.

Division of the deck by transverse or longitudinal barriers ("bulkheads" is a misnomer) is one solution: draining of the water to lower regions of the ship is another, among about a dozen options examined in the Department of Transport's own overview study of April 1990.

Since the call in January by the Royal Academy of Engineering for ferries with flooded car decks to maintain an even keel for "at the very least 30 minutes to make evacuation practicable" attention has evidently swung from barriers to draining. This reflects the view that a passenger vessel should in the last resort founder rather than capsize, thus enabling the upper decks, boats, rafts, etc, to remain accessible to surface and air rescue for as long as possible.

Unlike some of the suggestions recently put forward — such as audible alarms, closed circuit television and black box recorders (report, April 12) — measures such as barriers and draining do at least confront the intrinsic design weakness of ro-ro ferries directly.

Yours sincerely,
L. C. LAMING,
Imperial College,
Mechanical Engineering
Department,
Exhibition Road, SW7.
April 20.

Scottish defence rules

From Lord Macaulay of Bragar, QC

Sir, It is unfortunate that your report of April 15 on the Home Secretary's proposals for a "shake-up" of defence rules in criminal trials gave your readers no indication that the proposals apply only to the situation in England and Wales, and not to Scotland. Your newspaper, like others, has a responsibility to preserve and make clear the distinction between the different criminal legal systems within the United Kingdom.

The possibility of the Crown being "ambushed" by the defence in criminal trials is virtually non-existent in Scotland. Statutory requirements of disclosure to the Crown of defences, such as self-defence, incrimination, alibi and other technical requirements, lie within the existing legal system.

It might appear from your report that no media lesson has been learned from the decision of the Scottish courts to ban the broadcasting of the *Panorama* interview with the Prime Minister immediately prior to the local elections in Scotland.

The media should carefully distinguish between matters involving the United Kingdom and those concerning only Scotland, which is constitutionally still a nation and not a region.

Yours etc,
MACAULAY,
House of Lords.
April 16.

Helping out on Athos

From Mrs Marianne With

Sir, When reading Sir Steven Runciman's article, "Trouble on holy mountain" (April 17), I recalled my father's experience there during the war. He was chaplain to the German troops occupying Greece and the Greek islands and thus had the opportunity to visit the monks on Athos, not as a soldier but as a priest.

Since he was able to converse in Greek, albeit classical, they begged him to obtain for them larger rations of diesel oil for their motorboat, their main link with the mainland, which he then managed to wangle out of the military administration — no mean feat.

This was then the essential requirement for maintaining their independence. Alas, 50 years on, an extra can of petrol cannot solve their problem.

Yours faithfully,
M. WITH (*née* Reustlen),
6 Hillbrow Close,
Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.
April 17.

In a thicket

From Mr David Norbury

Sir, The instructions with my hedge-trimmer, purchased recently, state: "Before using machine, clear lawn of stones."

I should appreciate the advice of more experienced users.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID NORBURY,
Roecliffe, 1 Orchard Croft,
Guilden Sutton, Chester.
April 22.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 22: The Duke of Edinburgh, *Member and Patron, Burma Star* Association, this evening attended the Association's Forty Ninth Reunion at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 22: The Duke of York this morning arrived at *Heathrow* Airport, London, from Canada.

Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 22: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot) was represented by Brigadier David *Bromhead, Colonel, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of* Major-General Lionel Harrod *which* was held in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, this afternoon.

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 23: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon reviewed the Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 23: The Princess Royal, President, Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening departed from Gatwick Airport, London, for Mauritius to attend a Council Meeting and Conference.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy celebrate the 32nd anniversary of their marriage *today*.

Birthdays today

Sir Bernard Audley, founder, AGB Research, 71; Mr Ralph Brown, sculptor, 67; Field Marshal Lord Carver, 80; Mr J.E.H. Collins, former chairman, *Guardian Royal* Exchange Assurance Group, 72; *Sir* Gordon Cox, chemist, 89; Mr Justice Cresswell, 51; the Earl of Eldon, 58; Sir Clement Freud, former MP and writer, 71; Dame Helen Gardiner, former chief *clerk, Private Secretary's Office*, Buckingham Palace, 91; Mr Jean-Paul Gaultier, fashion designer, 43; Mr John Harvey, former MP, 75; Mr Richard Jarman, general *director, Scottish Opera*, 46; Admiral Sir Rae McKaig, 73; Mr Andrew Mackinlay, MP, 46; Miss Shirley Maclaine, actress, 61; Mr Alex Murphy, rugby league manager, 56; Mr *James* Paice, *MP*, 46; Sir Hugh Park, former High Court *judge*, 85; *Mr Stuart Pearce*, footballer, 33; Mr Joseph Rank, former honorary president, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 77; Miss Bridget Riley, artist, 64; Mr Christopher *Spence, founder and director*, London Lighthouse, 51; Miss Barbra Streisand, singer and actress, 53; Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Townend, founder, Hill House International Junior School, 86; Mr John Williams, guitarist, 54.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the British Standards Institution at 389 Chiswick High Road, W4, at 12.45; will review elements of 20 *Transport Squadron*, Royal Logistic Corps, at Buckingham Palace at 3.30; and, as President and Honorary Life Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, will be in the chair at the third *Prince Philip lecture and attend* a dinner at 8 John Adam Street, WC2, at 5.45.

Institution of Civil Engineers

Professor Tony Ridley, CBE, PhD, FEng, FICE *became the* 131st President of the Institution of Civil Engineers on April 11, 1995.

Dinners

Garrick Club
Sir Robin Day was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Garrick Club held last night at the *club. Mr Nunc Willcox presided* and Sir Ronald Waterhouse also spoke.

University of Newcastle upon Tyne
The Chairman of Convocation, Lord Walton of Detchant, was host *at a dinner* in the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, on Saturday, April 22, following the annual Convocation Lecture delivered by Professor Sir David Weatherall, FRS, *Regius Professor* of Medicine and Honorary Director of the Institute of Molecular Medicine, University of Oxford, in the presence of the Chancellor, the Viscount Ridley, and the Vice-Chancellor, Mr James Wright.

Service dinners

The Royal Irish Regiment
General Sir Charles Huxtable, Colonel of The Royal Irish Regiment, and the officers of the regiment attended a regimental dinner held on *Saturday at the* Officers' Mess, 5th Battalion, The *Royal Irish Regiment*.

Waggon Club
Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at the annual meeting and members' dinner night *held* on Saturday at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, *Grantham*, headquarters of the Royal Logistic Corps TA. Major General A.F.J. Elmslie and Brigadier W. Horsfall were also present.

Service luncheon

The Royal Hampshire Regiment
Members of The Royal Hampshire *Regiment Officers' Association* and their ladies attended the annual Gallipoli luncheon which was held on Saturday at Serle's House, Winchester.

University news

Glasgow
Ms Ann Logan Mackenzie, Reader in Hispanic Studies at Liverpool University, *to the newly-created* Ivy McClelland Research Chair in Spanish.

TED BATH

William Everett Parker married Charlotte Bannister, younger daughter of *Sir Roger and Lady Bannister, right*, at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Saturday. A reception was held at Pembroke College

School announcements

Bedgebury School
Term begins on Tuesday, April 25, at Bedgebury School. The new Headmistress is Mrs Lindsey Jane Griffin, BA, BPhil. Anna Carlsson *is Head Girl*. Old Girls' day is on May 20 at the Upper School, Goudhurst. The Lower School dramatic production *The Pirates of Penzance* is on June 22 to 24 and *the Upper School drama, art and* fashion show is on June 28. The BSPS Jubilee Ball is on July 1, and term ends on July 7 with Speech Day.

Chetham's School of Music
Summer Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music. *Zvi* Zeitlin visits the School during the *week beginning* May 8 to give Masterclasses. The Lower School Concert is at 7.00pm on July 5 in the Royal Northern College of Music, and Speech Day takes place *this year in the new* Manchester Arena at 7.30pm on July 7. Term ends with the Hallé prom concert, sponsored by the Bank of Scotland, at 7.30pm on July 8 in the Free Trade Hall, when Chetham's Symphony Orchestra, *conducted by En Shao, will perform* Brahms's 1st Piano Concerto in D minor, soloist Ashley Wass, and Ravel's ballet suite *Daphnis and Chloë*.

Hanford School
Mr and Mrs Michael Sharp will be retiring as joint heads at the end of the Summer Term after nearly *50 years at Hanford. Old girls* wishing to attend a presentation to them should contact The School Secretary by mid June.

Douai School
Summer Term begins today at Douai. Joint Captains of cricket are Andrew Roddis and Ben Briggs. Douai will be staging *presentations in Basingstoke* on May 6 and in Wallingford on May 20. Parents' Day is on May 27 and the Open Day and Summer Fair are on June 3. H.E. Cardinal Basil Hume OSB will visit on June 15 and will celebrate mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi in the Abbey Church. *The Summer* Concert is on June 17 and term finishes on June 30.

Harrogate Ladies' College
Harrogate Ladies' College reopens today for the summer term. The Chapel Choir will sing Evensong at Kirklington on May 14 and at York Minster on May 24. The *Commemoration Service for the* founding of the College is on May 26, with guest preacher the Rev Peter Marshall and the Choir Valedictory Service will be held on *July 2. Sports and Open Day* will take place on June 23 with Prizegiving at 7.00pm in the Royal Hall. The guest speaker is Mrs R.E.R. Thomson, Chairman of Council, The Magistrates Association. The Harrogate College *Union meeting of past pupils takes* place on May 20. Half term is from May 27 to June 4, and term ends on July 6. Scholarships for entry in September have been awarded to: Pragna Prakesh (Belmont-Birklands, Harrogate) and Elizabeth *Wrighton (Croft House School*, Hexham).

Northbourne Park School, Kent
Northbourne Park School, Kent, opens for the Summer Term today, when the new Headmaster, Mr Fergal Roche takes up office with 212 pupils on roll. Parents. *Old* NPS and friends are invited to our *Celebration Day on* May 8, when there are numerous events taking place. Please ring the school for an invitation on 01304 611215/8.

Oakham School
Summer Term at Oakham School begins today, Monday, April 24. Lady Lawson becomes a Trustee of the School. The Leavers' Service will be held *on Saturday, May 27.* There will be a Memorial Service for Mr Bertie Bowes on Saturday, June 3 at 11.30am in the School Chapel. The School's contributions to the Oakham Festival, June 23 - July 1, will include concerts by the Chamber Orchestra and Big Band, *Britten's Noye's Fludde and the* musical *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Speech Day is on Saturday, July 1 and the Guest of Honour will be Sir Tim Wallis. *Old Oakhamian Day is* Sunday, June 4.

Pocklington School
The Summer Term at Pocklington School, York, begins today. *Old* Pocklingtonian Day takes place, at *the School*, on Sunday, July 2, 1995. The term ends on Wednesday, July 5, 1995.

Queen's College, London
Term begins today and ends on Tuesday, July 4. Half term is from Monday, May 29 to Friday, June 2 inclusive. The annual Clara Wood lecture will be given on Thursday, *May 18 by the Rev Flora Winfield*, Chaplain of Mansfield College, Oxford. There will be an Open Day for girls interested in entry to the Sixth Form on Monday, June 26 from 9.15am to 1.00pm. Annual Gathering will take place on the *last day of term when the Principal* will present her Annual Report to the Visitor, the Bishop of London, followed by the Summer Concert.

Reigate Grammar School
The Summer Term begins today. The biennial inspection of the Combined Cadet Force will take place on Monday, May 22 and there will be a Summer Concert in St Mary's Church on Tuesday, *May 23. The Athletic Sports will* take place at Hartswood on Saturday, July 8 and the Commemoration Service will be on Wednesday, July 12. Term will end on Friday, July 14 when Mrs J.A. Kineringham, Head of French, will be *retiring*.

Nature notes appear on the Obituaries page today.

Memorial service

Major-General Lionel Harrod
The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Royal Regiment of Wales, *was represented by* Brigadier David Bromhead, Colonel of the Regiment, at a service of thanksgiving held on Saturday in Llandaff Cathedral. The Dean of Llandaff officiated, assisted by Canon Norman Barnett. Captain *E.J.K. Rees read the* lesson and Brigadier Bromhead read Pericles's funeral oration given for Athenians who fell in the Peloponnesian War in 431 BC. *Brigadier John Davey gave* an address.

During the service a plaque to General Harrod's memory was dedicated in the regimental chapel by the Dean.

Fred Perry

A Memorial Service for Fred Perry will be held at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Thursday, June 22 at 11.00am. All are welcome, but attendance and *seating* will be restricted to ticket holders. Those wishing to attend should write for tickets to the Secretary, The Lawn Tennis Association, The Queen's Club, West Kensington, London, W14 9EG, by May 12, 1995. Tickets will be posted *as soon* as possible after this date.

Royal Society of St George

Sir Colin Cole, President of the Royal Society of St George, yesterday laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Earlier members of the society attended Sung Eucharist in Westminster Abbey.

On Saturday the president with chairmen and representatives from other branches of the society laid wreaths at the Cenotaph during the annual St George's day ceremony.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.W. Allen and Miss A.E. Heaton
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Trafford Allen, of Little Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Heaton, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr J.M. Anderson and Miss V.M.R. Hindle
The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Anderson, of *Hadlow Down, Sussex*, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mr *and Mrs* David Hindle, of Malaucène, France.

Mr D.M. Barrett and Dr J.M. Oliver
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Barrett, of Harborne, Birmingham, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Howard, of Wallingford, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.P. Barshall and Dr C.E. Marsh
The engagement is announced between James Peter, youngest son of Major and Mrs Peter Barshall, *of London*, and Carolyn Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Marsh, of Adelaide, Australia.

Mr J. David and Ms S.C. Macadam
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs George David, of Potomac, USA, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Macadam, of Weston Favell, Northamptonshire.

Mr G. Frank and Miss A. Milton
Mr T. McLusky and Miss C. Milton
John and Wendy Milton of Caldy, *Wirral, have much pleasure* in announcing the forthcoming marriages of two of their daughters.

Amanda to Gary Frank, son of Sidney Frank, of Paris, France, and *Meryl* Frank, of *Hampstead*, London.

Clare to Torquil McLusky, son of Michèle and Rob McLusky, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr A.W.D. Garthwaite and Miss G.B. Hadlee
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder twin son of Patricia Lady Garthwaite and the late Sir William Garthwaite, of Matfield, Kent, and Georgina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hadlee, of Fairstead, Essex.

Mr T.J.B. Kelly and Miss A.S. Heathcote
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr James Kelly, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Mrs Nigel Mermagen, of Richmond *House, Chard, Somerset*, and Anita, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Heathcote, of Le Beau Rivage, Ave D'Ostende, Monaco.

Mr G.G. Manners and Miss G. Thompson
The engagement is announced between George Geoffrey, elder son of Mr *and* Mrs Robin Manners, of Bradley, Stafford, and *Gaylene*, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rex Thompson, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr A.G.C. Ross *and* Miss S.L. Maltby
The engagement is announced between Alexander Guy Campbell, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Ross, of The Little Boltons, London, and Sophia Louise, younger daughter of Mr John and Lady Sylvia *Maltby, of Stratfield* Turgis, Hampshire.

Mr J.T.N. Scobie and Miss S.A. Magauran
The engagement is announced between James, son of Colonel E.H. Scobie, OBE, of Shefford Woodlands, Hungerford, and of Mrs G.J.H. Scobie, of Camberley, Surrey, and Sophie, daughter of Mrs Ann Magauran, of Steyning, Sussex.

Mr M.C.C. White and Miss *A.S.* Fearnley-Whittingstall
The engagement is announced between Mark Charles Cameron, only son of the late Dr George White and of Dr Jane White, of Bartestree, Herefordshire; and Alice Serena, *youngest daughter of* Mr W.G. Fearnley-Whittingstall, of Eastington, Gloucestershire, and of Mrs Douglas Scott, of Halford, Warwickshire.

Marriages

Mr W.E. Parker and Miss C.B.M. Bannister
The marriage *took place on* Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, of Mr William Everett Parker, second son of Mr and Mrs Everett Parker, of Concord, Massachusetts, to Miss Charlotte Bridget Melander Bannister, *younger daughter* of Sir Roger and *Lady* Bannister. The Rev B.W. Mountford officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Hermione and Anthea Townsend, Charlotte Ware and *Carmella Corbett*. Mr David Attenburrow and Mr David Parker were best men.

A reception was held at Pembroke College, Oxford, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

***Mr R. Vaughan Williams* and Miss C.C. McCulloch**
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 22, 1995, at Saint Phillips Church, Antigua, West Indies, between Mr Rupert Vaughan Williams, son of the late Archibald Vaughan Williams and of Mrs Shelley Vaughan Williams, and Miss Catherine Clifford McCulloch, daughter of *the* late John Irvin Beggs McCulloch, CBE, and of Mrs Patrica Robineau McCulloch.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William the Silent, Prince of Orange, Nassau, 1533; Edmund Cartwright, pioneer of the power loom, Marnham, Nottinghamshire, 1743; Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1815; Henri Philippe Petain, Chief of State of the Vichy Government 1940-44, Cauchy-à-la-Tour, 1856; *Sir* Stafford Cripps, statesman, London, 1889; William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, Brooklyn, 1906.

DEATHS: Daniel Defoe, author and adventurer, London, 17[illegible]; Marie Taglioni, ballerina, Marseilles, 1884; Justin McCarthy, novelist and historian, Folkestone, 1912; the Duchess of Windsor, Paris, 1986.

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BIRTHS

BISBAS - *To Andreas and* Vicky (née Webster), on 14th April, a daughter, Georgia Poppy Mary, a sister for Hannah.

BRUEMMER - On April 6th, to Amanda (née Evans) and Mike a son Conor Morse a brother for Jake and Reed.

BURROWES - On March 25th, to Michael and Deirdre (née Fernand), a son, Benedict Samuel.

CATOR - On April 20th in Melbourne Australia to Harry and Kathleen (née Mackay) a son Jeremy Alan a brother for Frederick.

EVANS - On April 21st, at Hereford County Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Nendick) and *Peter*, a son, *William* Matthew, a brother for Kathryn and Tom.

HARWOOD - On April 14th, to Helen (née Visick) and *Oliver, a daughter*, Amelia Lucy Visick.

MUIR - On 19th April to Sarah-Jane (née Jenkinson) and Simon, a son Thomas Sebastian, a brother for Robin

PHILLPOTTS - On 21st April 1995 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Simon and Emma (née Windham), a daughter.

STANLEY - On April 19th, to Frances and Peter, a daughter, Isobel.

WARDE - On April 7th, to Catherine (née Gordon) and Nicholas, a son, Tom Ashdown and a daughter, Ella Nancy, a brother and sister for April

DEATHS

BARKER - On April 11th 1995, suddenly *in Palo Alto* California Richard B J aged 45 years. Greatly loved husband *of Jane, dear son of* Joan and the late Hubert Barker CBE and brother *of* Sue. The funeral has taken place and his life will be celebrated at All Souls Church South Ascot on Wednesday April 26th at 2.30pm. Donations if desired in Richard's name to *The* National Trust's Lake District Appeal Fund c/o Charities Aid Foundation.

BEAUFORT - Duchess of, Caroline. Died peacefully at home on Saturday 22nd April. Funeral private at St Michael's, Great Badminton, for family, friends and Badminton Estate at 2.30pm on Thursday 27th April. No flowers but donations to NSPCC.

GRIFFIN - On April 20th peacefully after a short illness, John Oswald aged 79 of High Clere, nr Newbury. Dearly loved husband of Jill and father of Caroline, Richard, Patrick and Roderick and his ten grandchildren and his great grandson. Requiem Mass at St Francis de Sale, Wash Common, Newbury, 12 Noon on Thursday 27th April *followed* by a private *cremation. Family flowers* only, donations if desired for Newbury & District Hospital Helpers League, or Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund or The British Heart Foundation C/O Camp Hopson Funeral Directors Northbrook Street, Newbury Telephone 01635 522210.

HARRIS - On 19th April 1995 at High Wycombe Hospital, Betty Harris, aged 84 years, of Cookham. A wonderful character who will be sadly missed by Angela and family and by all her many friends. Funeral at *Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel)*, Hoop Lane, London NW1 7NL on Thursday 27th April *at 12 noon*. Donations, if desired, to RNLI Cookham and District Branch or The Distressed Gentlefolk Aid Association c/o A.B Walker Funeral Directors, 36 Eldon Road, Reading, Berks. Family flowers only.

HOOPER - Sandy. *Peacefully at home after a long bravely* endured illness on 20th April 1995. Dearly loved wife of *John and mother of* Stephanie and Mark. Funeral service on Thursday 27th April *at 2.45pm at Holy* Trinity Church Penn followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium Amersham. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to any Cancer Charity or RSPCA.

LUCAS - On 21st April Luke *dearly* loved and loving husband of Mary, father of Fiona and Alan, father in law of Corinne and devoted grandfather of Matthew, Barnaby and Stephanie. No flowers please.

MACONACHIE - (née Halliwell) Ruth Frances Anna, born 21.3.15 died 19.4.95 of Braughing, Hertfordshire. A lady of wisdom, indomitable courage and independent thought, with a particular gift for friendship to both people and animals. She seemed indestructible and leaves and *unfillable* void. She died peacefully at home with her family. The funeral is today Monday 24th April at 3.30pm in St Mary's Church Braughing.

McLEAN - On April 21st 1995 peacefully after long trials and strengthened by the Sacraments Canon Douglas McLean in his 83rd year and the *59th* year of his Ordination. Funeral Requiem at St Philips Cathedral *Birmingham* on Friday April 28th at 3pm. No flowers by request but *donations if wished for The* Additional Curates Society C/O William H Painter Ltd Funer Directors 398 Yardley Road South Yardley Birmingham. A faithful and greatly loved priest.

MISSEN - On April 18th 1995 at Aldeburgh, Muriel (née Alstead). *Widow of* Leslie Robert Missen CMG, MC. Funeral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Friday April 28th at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired made payable to Aldeburgh Lifeboat c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, Saxmundham, Suffolk, tel: (01728) 603108.

ROBINS - Edward aged 62 dearly loved husband of Dorothy. Ted died peacefully on 21st April after a long illness borne with courage, patience and humour. Funeral service at St John's Church, Stanmore at 10.45am on Thursday 27th April followed by private *cremation. No flowers please* but donations welcome to Marie Curie Nurses C/O *William Putnam Funeral* Director 185 Streatfield Road, Kenton HA3 9DA.

TOMPKINS - Reverend Canon J.C.H. Peterhouse/Westcott House Cambridge 1941-45. Curate of Rugby 1947-51, Chaplin at Eton College 1951-65. Rector of *Handsworth* 1955-92 and Canon of Birmingham Cathedral. Died peacefully at his home on April 19th. He will be sadly missed and his death represents the end of an era. Service at Handsworth Parish Church on Thursday *27th April at* 3pm.

TRACEY - On April 21st 1995, suddenly but peacefully in Tunbridge Wells, Christopher Michael, beloved father and doting grandfather, on the birthday of his dearly loved and deeply missed wife Joan, who died in November 1994. Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Monday 1st May at 10.30 am, followed by private burial.

***WITHNELL** - Brian on April* 16th 1995 Greatly loved. Stuart

WOOD - Patricia Audrey, peacefully at Burrswood Nursing Home, Groombridge, on April 19th 1995, after a brave battle against cancer. *Dearly loved* and missed by her husband Dennis, daughter Audrey and grandson Stuart. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 26th at *2.15 pm at St Andrew's* Church, Paddock Wood, thereafter to Tunbridge Wells *Crematorium for a* short service of committal. Flowers/Charitable donations to Sears Funeral Service, 22 Church Road, Paddock Wood, before 11.30am April 26th. Our thanks to the Doctors and Nurses both at the Kent and Sussex Hospital and Burrswood for their devoted care and attention.

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R Smith
Liquidator
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OBITUARIES

THE DUCHESS OF BEAUFORT

The Duchess of Beaufort, wife of the 11th Duke, died on April 22 aged 66. She was born in Wiltshire in 1928.

IT WAS as an adventurous traveller, starting out in her fifties, that the Duchess of Beaufort made her particular niche. It was something she dreamt about as a girl when growing up in rural Wiltshire during the restrictive days of the Second World War. But it was not until her children grew up that she set off for the sort of places that are never even considered for the family holiday.

She tramped through the remoter parts of China and India. In Rwanda she visited the rare gorillas that hide in the mountains there. In Central and South America she pushed her way through jungles and also reached the source of the Amazon. It was never easy going. She found Brazil baking hot and to the alarm of the guides she would break off and take "a quick dip" in piranha-infested rivers. In Botswana her companions were alarmed when a growling lion invaded the visitors' camp. She was ice-cool and is reputed to have advised: "Just keep calm and move quietly — my family have lions at Longleat."

She took off for strange places for four to six weeks once a year, sometimes twice. Her friends worried but not her family. Her daughter Lady Anne Carr recalled: "She was so independent and capable there was no need for us to worry. And she did keep sending us postcards that were hilariously funny."

In addition to her travels the Duchess of Beaufort was widely known in the counties of Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire for her indefatigable charity work. Her efforts on behalf of well over 60 charities embraced the arts, scientific research for medicine, hospitals, age care, children's causes, wildlife and conservation.

She was born Lady Caroline Jane Thynne, the eldest child of the mildly eccentric Sixth Marquess of Bath who attracted the paying public to Longleat, the family's Elizabethan pile in Wiltshire, by bringing a pride of lions to the park. Fellow stately home owners were aghast but he would retort: "Why should I worry about *them*? I can afford to live in the place now." His wife, the Marchioness was the Honorable Daphne Vivian, daughter of Lord Vivian.

Caroline Thynne's sense of adventure first showed in the nursery at Sturford Mead, a Georgian house with a lovely garden and a big pond where the family lived until her father succeeded to the title. She was very much the leader of the pack in devising nursery and outdoor games with her three younger brothers in tow. But a sadness descended on the nursery when she was packed off to Miss Fyffe's boarding school in Cambridge and the boys went to prep school and then to Eton.

The Duchess abseiling down a hospital block for charity

Her brother, the present Marquess of Bath recalled coming home from Eton on holiday in his mid-teens and to his sorrow finding that his big sister had lost her old interest in boys and boyish games. "She had moved on to men." Later she went to RADA where a contemporary was Dorothy Tutin but only stuck it for a year. "I found it terribly hard work," she told a school friend. "Besides, the talent I thought I had just wasn't there."

She went to the first of the postwar debutante balls and at one met Lieutenant David Somerset of the Coldstream Guards. Years later she described their encounter saying: "He was very grumpy and complained all evening about the hot weather." Two years later, when she was 20, they married at a big and glittering ceremony in London. As the couple received their guests at the reception the bride found it very disconcerting the way Queen Mary, sitting near by, was continually tapping her silver-topped cane on the floor. Eventually the old Queen said: "Come here girl, I want to kiss you on your wedding day."

Much of her married life was spent in a buff-coloured Cotswold stone house in the village of Badminton. There her enthusiasm turned to creating a big and beautiful garden. It was like a succession of rooms each with different flowers and shrubs and divided one from the other by trellises of climbing roses. She liked to tell women's gardening clubs that she started off writing to a seed merchant for pink peonies and back came a stuffy letter telling her that there were a dozen varieties of pink peonies. She advised the women gardeners not to be defeated by the experts (though she herself took their counsel) but just "blaze ahead with what you like."

In 1984 her husband, a descendant of the Plantagenets and of John of Gaunt himself, became the 11th Duke of Beaufort. He succeeded his first cousin twice removed, the tenth duke who was Master of the Horse to three sovereigns and founder of the world famous Badminton Horse Trials which have played a crucial part in British riders winning Olympic and world gold medals. He married Queen Mary's niece but they had no children.

The new Duchess relished the move into the massive Badminton House which had been remodelled with style by William Kent and with exquisite carvings by Grinling Gibbons. She told friends: "Now, I'll be able to have bags of people for weekends." She opened up the state rooms which had been closed for years except when the Queen and her family came to stay for the horse trials. Faded red damask curtains were replaced by vivid yellow. A year after they moved in the inevitable happened, there was a burglary. In dead of night the Duchess in her dressing gown confronted the man in the drawing room but quickly left dealing with him to her dog Mabel, a spaniel. Later she said: "Mabel knew exactly what to do with the thief and the burglar ran off into the night, dropping the loot." Her move to Badminton House did not mean giving up the simple pleasures she had always enjoyed. She was a telly addict and the reason for her very early breakfast was to see the first of the day's transmissions. (Her son, the Marquess of Worcester, married the TV actress Tracy Ward.)

Her travels really took off after her move to Badminton House. Fitness programmes were planned with military precision. When she decided to climb the Himalayas she did the Pyrenees the year before, climbing 12 miles a day from France into Spain. "That taught me a lot — to get down I had to slide on my bottom." At 63 she felt it was time to sharpen up her fitness programme and took an Outward Bound course near Sellafield in Cumbria. The weather was appalling with rain and howling wind but she stuck it out, sleeping beneath a sheet of plastic mounted on a stick.

A year later she accepted an invitation to abseil down a ten-storey block at the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary to raise money for one of the many charities with which she was actively connected. She found herself upside down and took a nasty bang on the head. A soldier took over to talk her down and when she got to the bottom, feeling shaken, she said that this was one adventure she would never try again.

The Duchess of Beaufort was a tall handsome woman with laughing blue eyes, a bubbly personality and frequently an amusing turn of phrase. In the summer of 1994 doctors told her that she had inoperable cancer. It was a shock since she had always enjoyed robust health.

Earlier this year she was awarded an honorary LLD from Bristol University for her charitable work. Since she was at that time too ill to travel to the ceremony the university authorities presented her with the doctorate at Badminton House.

The Duchess of Beaufort is survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter.

TESSIE O'SHEA

Tessie O'Shea, music-hall artiste, died in Florida on April 21 aged 82. She was born in Cardiff on March 13, 1913.

BILLED as Two-Ton Tessie, from a song she made popular, "Two-Ton Tessie from Tennessee". Tessie O'Shea was a raucous singer and comedienne who toured the halls with a banjolele act and went on to appear on radio and in films. Amply built, at her peak she topped 17 stones, but this bulk did nothing to restrict her mobility, as she would demonstrate with a high-kicking routine.

In the 1960s she had a personal triumph on Broadway in the Noël Coward musical, *The Girl who Came to Supper*, and from then on her career had a spectacular revival in America where she was "The Last of the Red Hot Mommas". Latterly she had lived in Florida.

Her ancestry was part-Irish and part-Lancashire. She was a precocious performer who at the age of eight took part in a talent contest in Aberdare and shared the first prize with a Welsh choir. On her 12th birthday, the minimum age at which she could work professionally, she was offered a week's engagement by Sir Oswald Stoll at the Bristol Hippodrome. This led to further bookings on the Stoll circuit.

In the early years she performed in elastic-sided boots, striped stockings and an enormous hat with a fur round her neck. But she gave up comic props when she realised that the audience was laughing at her clothes and not at her. Her break came in 1934 when she was offered a 20-week summer season on the North Pier in Blackpool.

After the 1934 season she toured the Moss Empires Circuit with a Jack Hylton Show which transferred to the London Palladium and for the next five years she topped bills throughout Britain.

During the Second World War she played in the West End, entertained the forces and was invited with Tommy Trinder to perform before King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at a private party in Windsor Castle. During this period she became a familiar voice on radio, particularly through regular guest spots on the variety show, *Happidrome*. In 1949 she had her own radio series with another extrovert performer, the band leader Billy Cotton.

She played character parts in several well-known films, including *The Way Ahead* (1944), *London Town* (1946) and *The Blue Lamp* (1949). But her career was in a trough when in 1963 Noël Coward took her to America for his musical *The Girl who Came to Supper*, adapted from Terence Rattigan's play *The Sleeping Prince*. Although the show was poorly received, O'Shea's portrayal of Ada Cockle, a cockney fish and chip shop woman, in a pastiche of the Edwardian music-hall, was a roaring success and won her a Tony award.

Suddenly America wanted to know her. She was snapped up by television, appearing with the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan Show and there was further stage work and also cabaret spots. A second Broadway musical, *A Time for Singing* (from Richard Llewellyn's *How Green Was My Valley*) made less impact but she played the Nurse in *Romeo and Juliet* in New Orleans and won an Emmy award for a television version of *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

In the summer of 1968 she returned to Blackpool, playing the Opera House with Ken Dodd, and in 1970 had her first comedy series on British television, playing a cook in a transport cafe in *As Good Cooks Go*.

She was back in the United States in 1971 for a Disney film *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* and two years later starred in *London Revue* at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. Although she was now resident in the United States, she continued to make occasional appearances in Britain.

Surveying with some amusement the skeletal figures of today's young models, Tessie O'Shea remained unrepentantly fat: "I have to be careful not to lose too much weight or I would ruin my image". Two eggs and six slices of bacon remained her standard breakfast and there were lashings of peaches and cream and "great chunks of cheese" consumed later in the day. Among other hobbies, oil painting and writing poetry, she was a cordon bleu cook — "That's why I'm so fat darling". When she did actually lose some weight towards the end of the 1960s she referred to herself ironically as "Twiggy O'Shea" and was promptly dubbed One-and-a-half Ton Tessie by the headline writers.

Her marriage in 1940 to David Rollo was dissolved ten years later. There were no children.

BRIGADIER ERIC LANGLANDS

Brigadier E. W. Langlands, OBE, died on April 4 aged 97. He was born on August 30, 1897.

ALTHOUGH Eric Langlands took part in the First World War, engaged in bitter fighting against the Afghans and helped to put down the Hur Rebellion in India during the Second World War, he always maintained that one of his most dangerous encounters was with a leopard in a cave in India in 1934.

He was a young captain at the time in Rajputana when the villagers came to him in a state of panic to say a man-eating panther (as the large leopards of that part of India were known) had taken refuge in a cave beneath the local temple.

Evening was approaching so he sent his orderly to fetch a goat to tie in front of the cave as bait. He took up position 50 yards away and waited. Soon the big old leopard appeared, accompanied by a smaller one. In failing light, Langlands fired, wounding the larger animal which retreated into the cave. The second leopard fled.

Next morning Langlands returned and on finding that the cave was only two feet high, realised it would be far too dangerous to fire his rifle inside it. He decided to smoke the creature out by lighting a large fire at the mouth of the cave. Large clouds of smoke emerged, as did snarls of rage, but the leopard remained obstinately inside. Langlands then entered the cave and after crawling 15 feet he heard the sound of loud breathing and came face to face with the beast, and fired his pistol into its open mouth, killing it.

Eric Langlands was commissioned in 1914 in the Royal Scots Fusiliers, having faked his age, and was only 17 when he took part in the Battle of Loos. After the First World War, having served in France and Macedonia, he transferred to the Indian Army and joined the 3rd Gurkha Rifles. After four years on active service on the North West Frontier of India and in the Afghan War, he was transferred to staff duties in Northern Command, India.

The outbreak of the Second World War saw him commanding the 1/8th Gurkha Rifles until 1942 when he was sent to command the Nowshera Brigade on the North West Frontier of India. He was about to go to Burma when he had to stay behind in India to deal with the Hur Rebellion, in the Province of Sind. He was forced to administer martial law and the measures he took, albeit drastic, were effective and the rebellion was crushed.

He was appointed OBE in 1944 and a year later he was appointed ADC to King George VI. On his 50th birthday he was ordered to proceed to Madras to take over the Madras area and was promoted to acting major-general. However because of the policy of Indianisation, he had to hand over the area to an Indian general.

He was proud and pleased to be asked to return to Bangalore as a brigadier, and serve under the Indian general, who was ten years his junior in the Army. It was then that he singled out a Major Muhammad Ayub Khan as an officer with above average ability and recommended him for promotion to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. When they met again 21 years later in December 1966, that officer was Field Marshal Ayub Khan, then President of Pakistan.

Langlands was a great sportsman and athlete. He boxed as a featherweight for the Army in India, won the Indian Grand National, was Master of Hounds of the Lahore Hunt, and was a keen polo player.

Kind and considerate, as well as being completely fearless, Langlands was particularly understanding and helpful to the young officers whom he coached for their promotion exams. He was always a welcome guest at the more junior officers' functions and he knew how to relax with them without losing the dignity of his seniority. He was as popular and respected among his Gurkha soldiers as he was by the British officers of the regiment.

He remained remarkably fit, swimming and walking every day, and at the age of 74 he completed a twenty-mile walk for Poppy Day funds.

He was President of the 8th Gurkha Regimental Association for many years and for nine years was President of the Bournemouth Council of ex-Service Association. He was also on the Committee of the Bournemouth branch of the RSPCA.

He is survived by his second wife, and a daughter and son by his first wife who died in 1958.

BERNARD DIX

Bernard Dix, former Assistant General Secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, died on April 20 aged 70. He was born in London on March 30, 1925.

BERNARD DIX was an intellectual who shunned the limelight and preferred the company of road menders to that of the barons of the Trades Union Congress. Passionately, even obsessively, devoted to the cause of ending low pay (he wrote what is still the best book on the subject) he was demonised in the tabloid press as the hard-left *eminence grise* working his general secretary Alan Fisher from behind the scenes.

There was something in the charge, even if the truth was less glamorous. Dix was the thinker and the fixer because that was his temperament. He was not always itching to get to the rostrum, but the legacy of his ideas is a substantial one. He is the true author of the current debate on a national minimum wage.

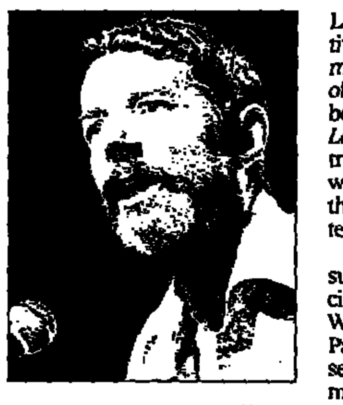
Bernard Hubert Dix was educated at an LCC elementary school. During the war he worked for two years in the engineering industry and then joined the Army as a boy soldier in 1941, serving in the forces until 1947.

His political radicalism emerged early. Fellow soldiers recalled him organising a clandestine communist cell in a tuberculosis isolation hospital in South Africa just after the war. The illness seemed to have left a permanent mark on him. He was always a gaunt man, slightly stooped, and his appearance was not improved by his seriously informal dress.

After demobilisation, Dix worked as a draughtsman in Woolwich Arsenal and was active in his union, the Association of Engineering and Shipbuilding Draughtsmen where he met Jim Mortimer who was later to become general secretary of the Labour Party. Mortimer said: "He was always on the left, not that you could neatly categorise him. He always had his own standpoint."

He won a TUC scholarship to the London School of Economics and then went to work for the TUC as a departmental assistant in 1955. He stayed there eight years though he sometimes chafed at the restrictive atmosphere of the TUC which was rather too conservative for his liking.

His big chance came in 1963 when he joined NUPE as research officer. The union was a perfect setting for his talents and personality. It was the upstart of the Labour movement, half-despised, half-feared by the big general unions which connived for years to keep its charismatic leader Bryn Roberts off the TUC general council. But from modest beginnings NUPE had grown into a force to be reckoned with by organising public service workers hitherto thought to be unorganisable: school dinner ladies, roadmen, janitors and gravediggers, the most deprived echelons of the working class.



Fighting their corner, Dix was in his element. His hand could be discerned behind the "dirty jobs strike" of 1970 and for the next two decades he poured forth a stream of ideas and strategies to lift NUPE members out of poverty. A book (published with Alan Fisher in 1974) was entitled *Low Pay And How To End It*.

He was appointed assistant general secretary in 1975, more out of recognition of his contribution than as a career move, and he served briefly on the Labour Party National Executive in 1981. His disillusionment with the rightward drift of Labour was evident in his book *The Forward March Of Labour Halted?* (1981) but, in truth, the likely parting of the ways was already evident in the so-called winter of discontent in 1979.

Dix retired in 1982 and surprised his political associates by decamping to rural Wales. He left the Labour Party and joined Plaid Cymru, serving on Llanddarog Community Council for seven years until 1994. His egalitarianism remained undimmed. In *Who's Who* he listed as his club Mynydd Cerrig Workingmen's.

A member of the National Health Services Board from 1976 to 1980, and the board of the left-wing weekly *Tribune* for seven years from 1975, Dix was also a governor of Ruskin College, Oxford, for many years and an associate fellow of Warwick University. His last book, with Stephen Williams, was a history of NUPE, *Serving The Public, Building The Union* (1987).

Dix will be remembered as the faintly monkish man, chain-smoking his way through a long discussion with rank and file union members. He is survived by his wife Eileen and their three sons, and by two sons and a daughter of a previous marriage.

Appointments in the Forces

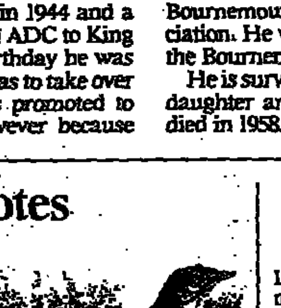
Royal Navy & Royal Marines
COMMANDER: J W Arrow - Nelson 5.9.95; R W Bell-Davies - MOD London 6.10.95; R J Bishop - MOD Salisbury 12.5.95; H S Clark - Oman 28.7.95; S M Gillespie - Sheffield in Cmd 14.4.95; P J Hanchard - MOD London 4.8.95; K D Mackenzie - Staff of 2SL/CNH 16.5.95.
LOCAL LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: D G Wheen - Sultan 15.9.95.
CHAPLAIN: T M Burns - Nelson 1.8.95.
Retirements
CAPTAIN: M J Matthews 6.7.95.
SURGEON COMMANDER: D K Price - Drake 7.7.95.

The Army
COLONEL: J R W Graves - To be Comd RASU 24.4.95.
LIEUTENANT-COLONEL: J P J Allen RLC - To BLO France 24.4.95; D J W Baylis R Anglian - To be CO 5 R Anglian 25.4.95; A Bridges RLC - To HQ Land Comd 24.4.95; J H Clough RLC - To HQ 4 Div 24.4.95; M J V Dore RA - To be DA Sofia 24.4.95; B M Gorski RRF - To be CO 6 RRF 25.4.95; V G Iwanek RE - To HQ RSME 24.4.95; C M Sheirn RLC - To 3(UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt 24.4.95; P D W Garbutt KRH - To RAC Gunnery Wing UESC(G) 24.4.95.
Retirements
BRIGADIER: J A Graham Late REME 29.4.95.

Nature notes

MORE summer visitors are arriving from the south every day. The first nightingales are singing in thick copses in Kent and Suffolk. Tree pipits flutter into the air and sail down again like a shuttlecock, with a string of clear, ringing notes. On the moors, the trilling song of curlews can be heard from far away, while snipe dive down making a strange buzzing sound as the air vibrates their outer tail-feathers. Some mallard ducklings are already out on the water, skittering about like pondskaters.

Horse-chestnut trees are in full leaf, and candle-like white flowers are coming into bloom on the boughs. Translucent leaves are opening on the limes: the sun shines through them as if they were green lanterns. In soggy fields there are large clumps of yellow marsh marigolds, or kingcups, and on grassy banks the paler yellow cowslip is in flower. Garlic mustard, or jack-by-the-hedge, is opening on the roadside verges: it has small white flowers, and jagged leaves that smell of garlic when they are broken. The fields of oilseed rape are turning yellow, and bees are humming over them. DJM



The nightingale

Royal Marines Association

Lord Keyes was present with members of the Royal Marines, Royal Marines Reserves and Royal Marines Association at commemoration services held at the Grappling Iron Memorial and the graves of Admiral Keyes and Royal Marines at St James's Cemetery, Dover, at the weekend to mark the attack on the *Mole* at Zeebrugge on St George's Day, 1918.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Neill Robb, Vicar, Norley and Crowton: to be also Priest-in-charge, St John, Kingsley (Chester).
The Rev William Taylor, Curate, Christ Church, Bromley (Rochester): to be Curate, St Helen, Bishopsgate (London).
The Rev Andrew Tremlett, Chaplain, St Mary, Rotterdam (Europe): to be Team Vicar, St Columba, Fareham (Portsmouth).

ON THIS DAY

April 24, 1924

Not the least of the excitements on the opening day of the British Empire Exhibition was the novelty of the Prince of Wales's voice being heard across much of the Empire as well as Britain.

THE PRINCE'S SPEECH

Of course, it was very naughty of those hundreds of little boys and girls from London schools, who were packed into a section of Wembley Stadium quite close to the Royal dais. At the very first "Sh-h-h!" they ought to have dropped into their seats and sat as silent and still as any little della Robbia *bambino* in Florence. Instead of that, they went on chattering and shuffling, and buzzing, so that they set science at nought, and not all the sound-multipliers in the world could have enabled us to hear the first sentence or two of the Prince of Wales's speech. And yet one could not be angry with them. On the contrary, it was cheering to think that these, the heritors of the Imperial friendship which this ceremony and this exhibition are intended to proclaim and develop, were not so lifeless nor so Prussianly dragooned as to be instantly mute and still when the bands stopped playing. Out there, on the green sward, the sailors, the soldiers, and the airmen are showing what discipline can do when the time comes. But these children, after all, are a part of the ceremony, and they are only expressing in their natural way the excitement which we are all feeling. And fancy sees on the faces of parents and of children "listening-in" all the Empire over, the smile which greets a noise known all over the world, the noise made by excited, happy children. We could not hear the first few sentences of the Prince's speech; but, dull as the morning was, we could see him: wiry, gallant, somehow boyish for all his Admiral's uniform and his orders and medals and his Presidential dignity, standing before the great golden right arm of his father's big purple throne, and reading his official request that the King would declare the Exhibition open to his people. And very soon he became distinctly audible, for, like his father and his grandfather, he has a resonant voice, and he knows how to give every word its value. This is what he said:-

As President, I ask you graciously to declare open to your people this British Empire Exhibition … You see before you a complete and a vivid representation of all your Empire. The Dominions, India, the Colonies, the Protectorates and Mandated Territories under your care have joined together in the great task of presenting this picture of our Commonwealth of Nations. It will suggest to the world, I truly believe, that the most powerful agency of civilization has its heart set upon peaceful aims and the good of mankind.

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NEWS

Jospin leading Chirac in Paris poll

■ Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, topped yesterday's first-round vote for the French presidency, according to poll predictions, ahead of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and favourite, who in turn barely beat to second place Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and his party rival.

The election, which also saw an estimated record 15.7 per cent vote for Jean-Marie Le Pen, the ultra-right candidate, will leave M Chirac the favourite for the run-off on May 7, but with his standing severely diminished.......Pages 1, 11

Thousands of Rwandans slaughtered

■ Children tugged at their slaughtered parents among the corpses strewn around Kibeho refugee camp in Rwanda after up to 8,000 Hutu refugees were mown down by government soldiers or trampled to death ....Pages 1, 13

Deserter held

An army deserter was arrested in California in connection with the Oklahoma City office block bombing.......Pages 1, 12, 19

Blair's appeal

Tony Blair will highlight today the grassroots support for his modernising crusade as he makes a final attempt to win trade union hardliners to his cause.......Pages 1, 18

Fame of a sort

The President of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, once mistaken for a removal man by his own security guards, is to gain recognition at last in the shape of a waxwork at Madame Tussaud's.......Page 1

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The Lord Chief Justice has floated proposals to curb lawyers from talking to the media so that trials are not prejudiced by media circuses in the style of the O.J. Simpson trial.......Page 2

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The hit British film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* swept the board at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts annual ceremony.......Page 3

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The Prime Minister is to announce that Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, is to be the new Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.......Page 2

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Ireland is confronting one of the most traumatic episodes in its history with a series of exhibitions to mark the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine.......Page 6

Risk of infection

Patients given blood transfusions in Britain are risking infection because more stringent screening has not been adopted, experts say.......Page 4

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Prisoners should be given big pay rises to bring them more into line with comnmercial wage earners on the outside, an alliance of 24 groups concerned with the penal system says.......Page 5

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BBC staff are expecting a fresh round of programme cuts and job losses after an independent report commissioned by the corporation suggested new ways of saving money.......Page 9

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The hospice movement, which has survived for years on voluntary donations, is facing a cash crisis while coming under increasing demand for care for the terminally ill.......Page 4

Art in peril

A Portuguese scheme to hack apart the world's largest open-air site of Stone Age art was called "ludicrous".......Pages 11, 19

Norfolk Man to the barricades

■ Nobody has heard of Norfolk Man. While his friends in Essex were out making a Thatcherite name for themselves, Norfolk Man remained a solid, dependable Tory. But in the local elections next month several Norfolk district councils could fall to Labour for the first time. Worse, leading Tory councillors are to stand as independents.......Page 9

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Brenda Woodford on the beach at Swanage where, she says, her business is being ruined by increasing shingle. Page 3

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Tax cuts queried: The International Monetary Fund queries the wisdom of tax cuts in Britain and suggests that a further interest-rate rise may be necessary.......Page 44

Living on HP: Britain is chronically addicted to consumption and its people tend to live beyond their means, a report says.......Page 41

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Scarborough premiere: The devil stars in Alan Ayckbourn's latest play, *A Word From Our Sponsor*, at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough.......Page 15

Northern dream: The National Lottery holds the key to a huge new northern arts centre. The Lowry Centre at Salford Quays would house two theatres as well as the city's Lowry collection.......Page 14

Raunchy rockers: Thunder's verve and energy prove that there is still plenty of life in British rootsy rock.......Page 15

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Dr Christopher Fairburn's self-help guide for people who can't stop bingeing

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Football: Paul Gascoigne, the England player, continued his comeback from injury with a brief appearance as substitute in Lazio's 2-0 victory over Rome.......Page 23

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School sport: Youngsters in Exmouth, Devon, are reaping the benefits of an indoor tennis centre which was opened last month as part of a Lawn Tennis Association initiative.......Page 35

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The language of the new militia extremists perverts some of the oldest and noblest concerns in American political life.......Page 19

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The appointment of Howard Davies as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England is testimony to how much has changed in the past 20 years in the way that the British economy is run.......Page 19

Art and electricity

The opposition in Portugal to the construction of a dam on the Côa river has grown greatly in voice and spirit.......Page 19

PETER BRIMELOW

"The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel," said Horace Walpole. In America it should be the other way around. To those that feel, causing the United States to admit more immigrants generates a warm glow. To those that think, however, more immigration is quite plainly not a solution.......Page 18

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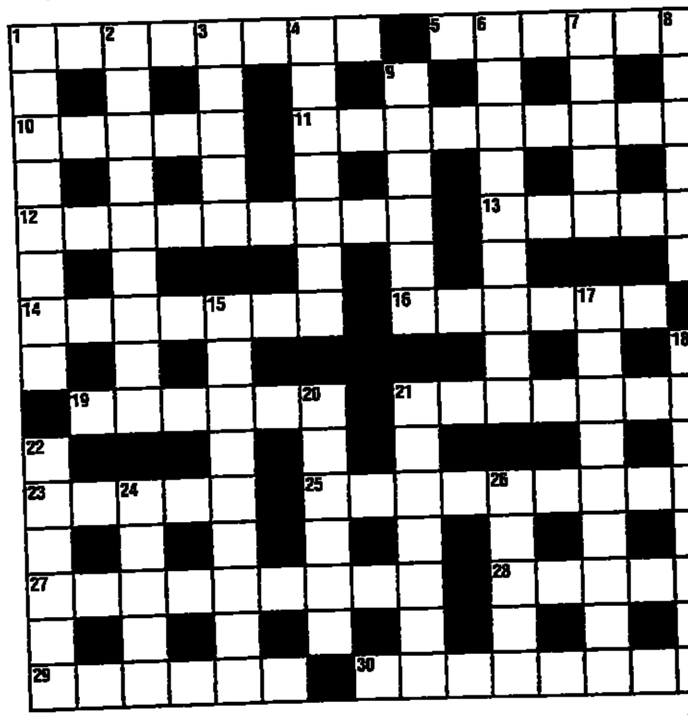

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17 Perhaps able to speak in detail (9)
18 Experienced as troops, having been peppered perhaps (8)
20 Show derived from a Congreve allusion (6)
21 China's adoption of revolutionary weapon (7)
22 Cast down since being forced into continuing retirement (6)
24 Energy used in second layer bringing out polish (5)
26 Refuse to accept rock and roll with piano introduction (5)

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Margate, Kent, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Liscombe, Somerset 1.26in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Hebrides, 11.8hr

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☐ **General:** Western counties of England, along with parts of Wales, could have a touch of ground frost and some early morning mist. Eastern regions of England will have rain for a time, spreading from the Southeast. This rain will ease into western counties eventually, but it should be generally light.

Rain in Scotland and Northern Ireland will clear for a time, but further showery rain is expected to return from the east. The North Sea coast will feel quite raw, but most of the rest of the country will be mild.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Isles:** Cloud thickening, rain spreading from the south for a time. Wind northeasterly fresh Max 15C (59F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** Clear spells, rain spreading in from the east. Wind northeasterly fresh to strong. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Central N, NE England, Borders:** Dry at first, occasional rain later. Wind northeasterly fresh to strong. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** Cloudy, coastal mist and drizzle. Wind northeasterly fresh to strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll:** Clear at first, becoming cloudy with rain at times later. Wind northeasterly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** Clear or sunny spells. Wind northeasterly fresh to strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday:** Winds staying in the east; eastern coasts grey and murky; showery rain slow to clear the west.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.8	-	10	50	s	Liverpool	X				
Anglesey	3.9	0.15	9	48	r	London	2.5	0.09	12	54	r
Aspatria	X					Lowestoft	-	0.35	10	50	r
Aviemore	4.4	-	9	48	b	Manchester	2.9	0.01	7	45	r
Belfast	10.3	-	11	52	s	Margate	4.1	0.28	14	57	r
Birmingham	2.4	0.31	7	45	r	Morecambe	4.5	-	9	48	c
Bognor R	3.3	0.39	12	54	r	Newcastle	2.3	0.13	7	45	r
Bournem'th	0.7	0.44	10	50	h	Newquay	2.2	0.26	8	46	r
Bristol	X					Norwich	X				
Buxton	1.3	0.11	4	39	sh	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	2.5	0.30	6	43	r	Oxford	2.7	0.39	10	50	sh
Clacton	0.5	0.41	12	54	r	Penzance	2.2	0.15	9	48	r
Cleethorpes	2.5	0.23	7	45	r	Plymouth	2.2	0.21	6	43	r
Colwyn Bay	X					Poole	1.7	0.52	11	52	r
Cromer	0.8	0.36	10	50	r	Prestatyn	X	0.24	8	46	r
Doncaster	2.5	0.25	7	45	r	Ross-o-wye	2.9	0.52	5	41	r
Dunbar	X					Ryde	3.3	0.43	11	52	r
Eastbourne	1.6	0.24	11	52	c	Salcombe	2.1	0.84	8	46	r
Edinburgh	2.4	-	10	50	c	Sandown	2.5	0.30	11	52	r
Eskdalemuir	X					Saunton Snd	2.5	0.52	7	45	r
Exmouth	2.5	0.65	5	41	sl	Scarboro'	1.8	0.22	7	45	r
Falmouth	X	0.24	9	48	r	Scilly Isles	1.8	-	9	48	sh
Fishguard	X					Shanklin	2.3	0.42	11	52	r
Folkestone	5.1	0.38	12	54	b	Shrewsbury	2.2	0.43	6	43	r
Glasgow	5.8	-	11	52	s	Skegness	-	0.14	8	46	r
Guernsey	0.8	0.76	11	52	r	Southend	6.0	0.27	12	54	c
Hastings	3.2	0.32	11	52	r	Southport	4.0	0.04	9	48	sh
Hayling I	3.3	0.35	12	54	r	Southsea	3.2	0.34	12	54	r
Herne Bay	X					Stornoway	8.5	0.02	8	46	b
Hove	2.6	0.25	11	52	c	Swanage	1.0	0.37	10	50	r
Hunstanton	2.5	0.31	11	52	sh	Teignmouth	2.5	0.50	6	43	r
Isle of Man	X					Tenby	-	0.18	6	43	r
Jersey	0.4	0.46	9	43	r	Tiree	11.8	-	11	52	s
Kinloss	8.9	-	10	50	s	Torquay	1.3	0.53	8	46	r
Leeds	0.2	0.32	7	45	r	Tynemouth	-	0.16	7	45	r
Lerwick	X					Ventnor	3.8	0.45	12	54	r
Leuchars	6.3	-	10	50	b	Weymouth	0.7	0.53	10	50	sh
Littlehmptn	3.2	0.30	12	54	r						

These are Saturday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	64	s	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	18	64	s	Rome	22	72	f
Akrotiri	23	73	s	Dublin	10	50	c	Malaga	16	61	f	Salzburg	27	81	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Malta	20	68	s	S Frisco	16	61	s
Algiers	18	64	f	Faro	15	59	f	Melb'rne	19	66	c	Santiago	15	59	s
Amst'dm	15	59	s	Florence	18	64	f	Mexico C	27	81	s	S Paulo	23	73	c
Athens	23	73	c	Frankfurt	20	68	s	Miami	30	86	s	Seoul	17	63	s
Bahrain	29	84	f	Funchal	16	61	c	Milan	12	54	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bangkok	35	95	s	Geneva	13	55	f	Montreal	10	50	f	St'khplm	20	68	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	10	50	r	Moscow	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	16	61	s
Barcelona	16	61	s	Helsinki	16	61	s	Munich	21	70	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Beirut	19	66	f	Hong K	30	86	f	Nairobi	27	81	f	Tangier	15	59	f
Belgrade	27	81	s	Innsbrck	21	70	f	Naples	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Berlin	25	77	s	Istanbul	21	70	s	N Delhi	32	90	f	Tenerife	23	73	f
Bermuda	23	73	f	Jeddah	30	86	s	N York	22	72	c	Tokyo	24	75	c
Biarritz	10	50	f	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Nice	16	61	f	Toronto	8	46	r
Bord'x	14	57	c	Karachi	32	90	s	Oslo	13	55	f	Tunis	17	63	c
Brussels	16	61	s	L Palmas	21	70	f	Paris	12	54	r	Valencia	10	50	f
Budapest	27	81	s	Le Touquet	12	54	s	Peking	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	12	54	s
B Aires	20	68	s	Lisbon	13	55	f	Perth	25	73	s	Venice	39	66	f
Cairo	26	79	s	Locarno	10	50	r	Prague	24	75	s	Vienna	25	77	s
Cape Tn	17	63	c	L Angels	24	75	s	Reykjavik	7	45	c	Warsaw	23	73	s
Chicago	13	55	s	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rhodes	21	70	s	Wash'ton	25	77	f
Cologne	17	63	f	Luxor	31	88	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	19	66	s
C'phagn	19	66	s	Madrid	11	52	c	Riyadh	30	86	s	Zurich	16	61	s

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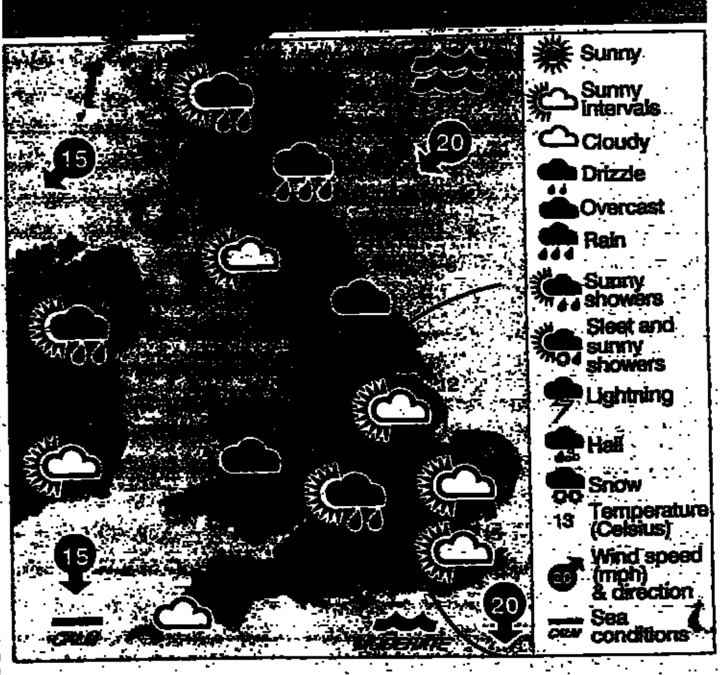

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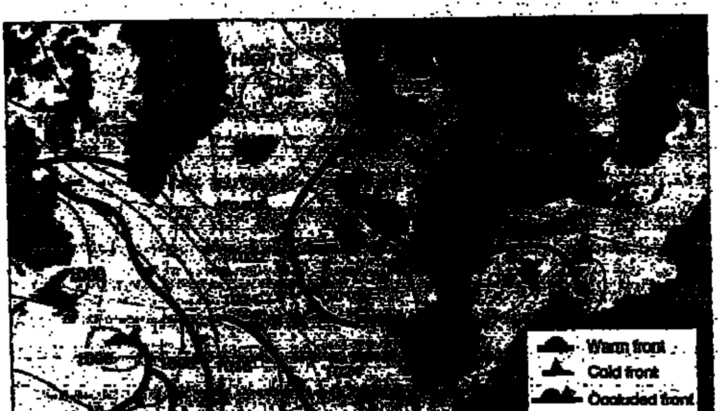

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London Bridge	9.12	6.20	9.35	6.80	Leith	10.06	4.64	10.59	4.70
Aberdeen	8.58	3.52	10.05	3.57	Liverpool	6.38	8.05	7.28	7.84
Avonmouth	2.12	10.62	2.51	10.59	Lowestoft	5.29	2.14	5.15	2.11
Belfast	6.40	3.12	7.28	3.03	Margate	7.42	4.12	8.02	4.07
Cardiff	2.18	8.70	2.49	8.87	Milford Haven	1.32	5.66	2.17	5.49
Devonport	0.50	4.58	1.40	4.47	Newquay	0.31	5.59	1.14	5.51
Dover	6.55	6.68	7.13	6.72	Oban	1.38	3.10	2.42	2.84
Dublin	7.13	3.77	8.11	3.87	Penzance	0.02	4.44	0.50	4.29
Falmouth	0.31	4.40	1.14	4.15	Portland	1.21	1.50	2.30	1.40
Glasgow	7.48	4.09	8.22	4.07	Portsmouth	6.43	3.85	7.34	4.15
Harwich	7.09	3.50	7.32	3.33	Shoreham	6.50	4.88	7.31	5.19
Holyhead	5.51	4.72	6.54	4.59	Southampton	6.21	3.75	7.08	4.05
Hull	1.52	6.16	1.58	6.27	Swansea	1.38	7.72	2.11	7.57
Ilfracombe	1.09	7.49	1.51	7.29	Tees	11.13	4.54	-	-
King's Lynn	1.35	5.30	2.01	5.61	W'ton-on-Nze	7.13	3.66	7.32	3.65

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Moon rises: 3.28 am
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London 8.42 pm to 5.16 am
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Swing of fortune fails to deter challenge

TIMES SPORT

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Gascoigne grimaces after being felled by a tackle during the Rome derby yesterday. The Lazio player suffered no ill-effects but played for only 14 minutes in a physical match. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird

Lazio idol has little time to make impact on Rome derby

Gascoigne enjoys minor role

Rob Hughes sees a glimmer of light at the end of an Italian tunnel for a gifted England international

SHOULD he go, or can he hope to stay in favour in Rome? The rebirth of Paul Gascoigne, playmaker, clown, flawed genius, was granted scarcely 14 minutes in the fierce cauldron of the Rome derby in front of 73,893 spectators at Stadió Olimpico yesterday afternoon.

There was more than one career under pressure on this sultry afternoon. Zdenek Zeman, a pragmatic Czech, knew that he had to win this match, or at least not to be a coach who lost two Rome derbies in a single season; and the fact that he was deprived of Alen Boksic and Aron Winter, both on international duty, yet still found no place in the starting line-up for Gascoigne, said much about his pragmatism.

Gascoigne, after all, had been the subject of the clamour of the Lazio third of the crowd. They adore him still, adore the image if not the presence that he has brought, making just 42 appearances in three years scarred by injuries to his right leg.

Yet Sergio Cragnotti, the banker whose money decides whether Gascoigne, Zeman or anyone else stays at Lazio, had imposed his will on the coach just three weeks ago, insisting: "The Englishman is the only interest left in Lazio's season. He must play."

It was clear he would not, the moment the team came out to inspect the field two hours before kick-off. Gascoigne was a man apart. The Latins warm to him because his emotions are worn on the sleeve, and whereas every other player could have been a male model, so correct were they in their club blazers, our Paul was in shirtsleeves, tie askew, the hair just beginning to grow again on the bald head. He seemed subdued. He had to be cajoled to go to the crowd who chanted his name.

The fight, the sacrifice to get back after the compound fracture to his right leg just over a year ago, had been extreme. No athlete shows a greater will to conquer disablement, to return to the stage which holds the true meaning in his life.

From where Gascoigne lives, at least for the moment, he can look down on the Eternal City, and surely even he can sense that his passing through Rome is a speck in history. There have been greater emperors of the city, and so if the coach whose style does not suit him stays, then maybe all the recent hints that he should come home, are timely. He is one month away from his 28th birthday. Too much of his career has passed fruitlessly, but with one ball, an absolutely majestic pass of 40 yards, he revealed that the intuitive skill, at least, is intact.

The major question, both concerning whether a team like Tottenham or Newcastle should buy him, and whether Lazio should trust him, is about the undercarriage. Can Gascoigne withstand fierce competition again? And maybe this was where Zeman, who refused to discuss his motive, was as much a protector as a harsh judge. For after the wonderful pageant of colour from the two sets of supporters, the game was brutal. There was spite in the way that players raised their boots with ugly disregard for the welfare of opponents, there was a red card for Guisseppe Giannini, the Roma captain, and supposedly their creator, for use of the elbow into the face of Rambaudi. There were five yellow cards, yet this was an over-permissive referee.

Even when Gascoigne was released from his purgatory on the bench — wearing No 14 and given 14 minutes — he was almost instantly hacked on the right shin by Cappiola.

Was he intimidated? Moments later, he won the ball with a delicate first touch, took it wide of the nearest would-be assailant (the word is used advisedly), ran towards the far touchline and then, with his amazing invention, suddenly pivoted and swept the ball right-footed 40 yards into the path of Casiraghi, a forward who was denied only by a marvellous save from Cervone.

That atonement came too late for the goalkeeper. For in the thirtieth minute, he had pitifully attempted to punch out a corner, failed, and Casiraghi placed the ball into the net over his left shoulder.

Forty minutes of violence later and Guiseppe Signori, playing with a damaged hamstring, wonderfully snaked past the Roma defender, Petruzzi, invited Casiraghi to run at the goalkeeper, and Cervone rugby-tackled him. Signori gleefully scored from the penalty spot, his 75th goal in 109 league games. The match was won and soon afterwards Signori was kissing and hugging Gascoigne on his way to the bench in exchange for him.

So the Englishman in Rome had his moments. Whether he has enough time to persuade Lazio to keep him, whether there is indeed time to display fitness for England's summer tournament or to persuade an English buyer, the next few weeks will decide.

And though Gascoigne and Zeman blankly ignored the media yesterday, one suspects that Cragnotti may attempt to rework the trick he performed in buying Gascoigne. He knew then he might be investing £5 million on a sporting cripple but such a crowd-pleaser brought in that much and more in season-ticket sales. But selling anything on the name Paul Gascoigne involves risks that cover the extremes of medical science and all the vagaries of man.

ROMA (3-5-2): G Cervone — Aldair, F Petruzza, M Lanna — F Monero, G Piacentini (sub: M Cappioli, 48min), G Giannini, F Statuto, A Carboni — A Balbo, F Cotti (sub: G Maini, 79).

LAZIO (4-3-2-1): L Marchegiani — P Negro, C Bergodi, J Chamot, A Nesta — D Fuser, R Di Matteo, G Venturin — R Rambaudi (sub: M Di Vaio, 89), G Signori (sub: P Gascoigne, 76) — P Casiraghi.

Referee: A Di Messina.

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Gascoigne gives photographers a friendly soaking before the game gets underway

Excludes Blockbuster Video stores in Portsmouth and surrounding areas.*

Snooker struggles in a search for charisma

MATTHEW BOND

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TV ACTION REPLAY

If an ability to play snooker is a sign of a misspent youth, then surely spending 17 days stuck in front of a television watching the world championship ranks as misspent adulthood. Man, after all, has but a short time to live, and there is a limit to the number of hours we can dedicate to the eternal televised twilight of the Crucible Theatre.

Take Friday morning. In the south, at least, it dawned sunny and crisp. Throw open a window and you could almost hear the crack of leather on willow in some early morning nets. Turn on the television and there was Dougie Donnelly welcoming us to day eight. Round two was barely underway, there were still nine days to go.

Yet, by the weekend, things were *looking up, at least for* the BBC and its marathon coverage. Not only was much of the country blanketed with thick cloud, but it was Jimmy White on *Grandstand*. Suddenly, a couple of hours with Ted Lowe and friends seemed an attractive idea.

As the game's most popular and persistent underdog, White's importance to the television coverage cannot be underestimated. Last year, his epic encounter with Stephen Hendry in the final brought in an average audience of 8.1 million, with 13.4 million tuning in for the deciding frame. If, as the bookmakers clearly believe, White does not make it *to the final this year, the BBC* will be keeping a close eye on the ratings. Its contract for televising "the big four" — the Grand Prix, the United Kingdom championship, the Masters and the world championship — has only one more year to run. Important decisions *have to be made.*

For the present, though, the BBC continues to throw resources at the tournament. Two anchormen (David Vine alternates with Donnelly), an army of commentators and up *to seven or eight hours of live* coverage a day. Or, to be more precise, live-ish, coverage. With two tables being used simultaneously, much of the coverage is actually on a time delay, often two or three frames behind the live action — occasionally more. It would *be more honest to differentiate* between this "as live" action and the truly live coverage with some sort of on-screen symbol. At least then we would know when not to turn to Ceefax.

Meanwhile, the search for a player with charisma as well as a cue goes on. John Virgo put his finger on the problem when discussing Andy Hicks, the conqueror of Steve Davis in the first round. He had spotted Hicks's potential in the Grand Prix last autumn, but had not seen much of him since — "but that's what tends to happen in this game now, *because it is so competitive*". The problem for the BBC is that familiarity breeds not contempt, but ratings.

As for games that get longer as the *tournament* goes on, they quite defeat me. Dennis *Taylor pointed out that the* best-of-25-frame matches allowed the players more of a chance to relax. Relax? I prefer my sport lean, mean and fast.

In fact, rather like Curtly Ambrose as he began his demolition of Australia in the third Test match. Sky Sports has the live rights to the Test as part of a four-year deal signed with the West Indian cricket authorities that will include the England next tour of the Caribbean in 1998, but although the satellite channel showed the one-day matches live, it is showing only extended highlights of the Tests — *despite* the fact that many believe this to be the best Test series for years.

It is particularly annoying as the time difference works very much in *Sky's favour,* allowing it to show most of the afternoon session in the evening prime-time, when people are coming home from work.

Sky says that its deal with the West *Indies,* signed the day before the first one-day match, came too late to clear other sports from its busy schedules. Others believe it could be uncharacteristically missing a trick.

Fluke helps Parrott overhaul Swail

By Phil Yates

JOHN PARROTT displayed admirable resilience as he won six of the closing seven frames to defeat Joe Swail 13-11 in a gripping second-round match at the Embassy world championship in Sheffield yesterday.

When Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion, trailed 10-7, Swail *looked more than capable of* adding to the list of surprises that the tournament has already produced. However, Parrott won the next frame *with a 73- break, the nine*teenth with a yellow-to-blue clearance and drew level by winning the twentieth with a 40 clearance to the pink.

The following two frames were shared before Parrott, the No 5 seed, enjoyed an outrageous fluke in the 23rd. Attempting a safety shot on the blue, Parrott caught the jaw of a middle pocket and the ball rebounded into the opposite middle pocket. Rubbing salt into Swail's wound, the Liverpudlian added the pink *to take the lead for the first* time in the match at 12-11.

DETAILS

SECOND ROUND: J Parrott (Eng) bt J Swail (N Ire) 13-11: A Hicks (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 13-7. J White (Eng) leads D Roe (Eng) 10-6. N Bond (Eng) level with A McManus (Scot) 4-4

Swail, beaten on all three of his previous meetings with Parrott, built a 47-0 lead in the *24th frame, but Parrott even*tually cleared the colours to win on the black. His uncharacteristically vigorous victory celebrations were an indica*tion of the relief that he felt.*

Willie Thorne, a universally liked, amiable character, could not disguise a dark mood after his 13-7 defeat by *Andy Hicks, the surprise* conquerer of Steve Davis in the first round, in the last 16.

At first glance, a 13-7 victory appears comfortable. Thorne *readily agreed that Hicks* played well, but it was undoubtedly a match in which one extremely unusual and ultimately controversial frame proved pivotal. On Saturday evening, Thorne recovered from a 2-6 deficit to 6-6 before Hicks, the world No 33 who is making his debut at the Crucible, regained the initiative at 9-6. The closing frame of the session therefore took on immense importance.

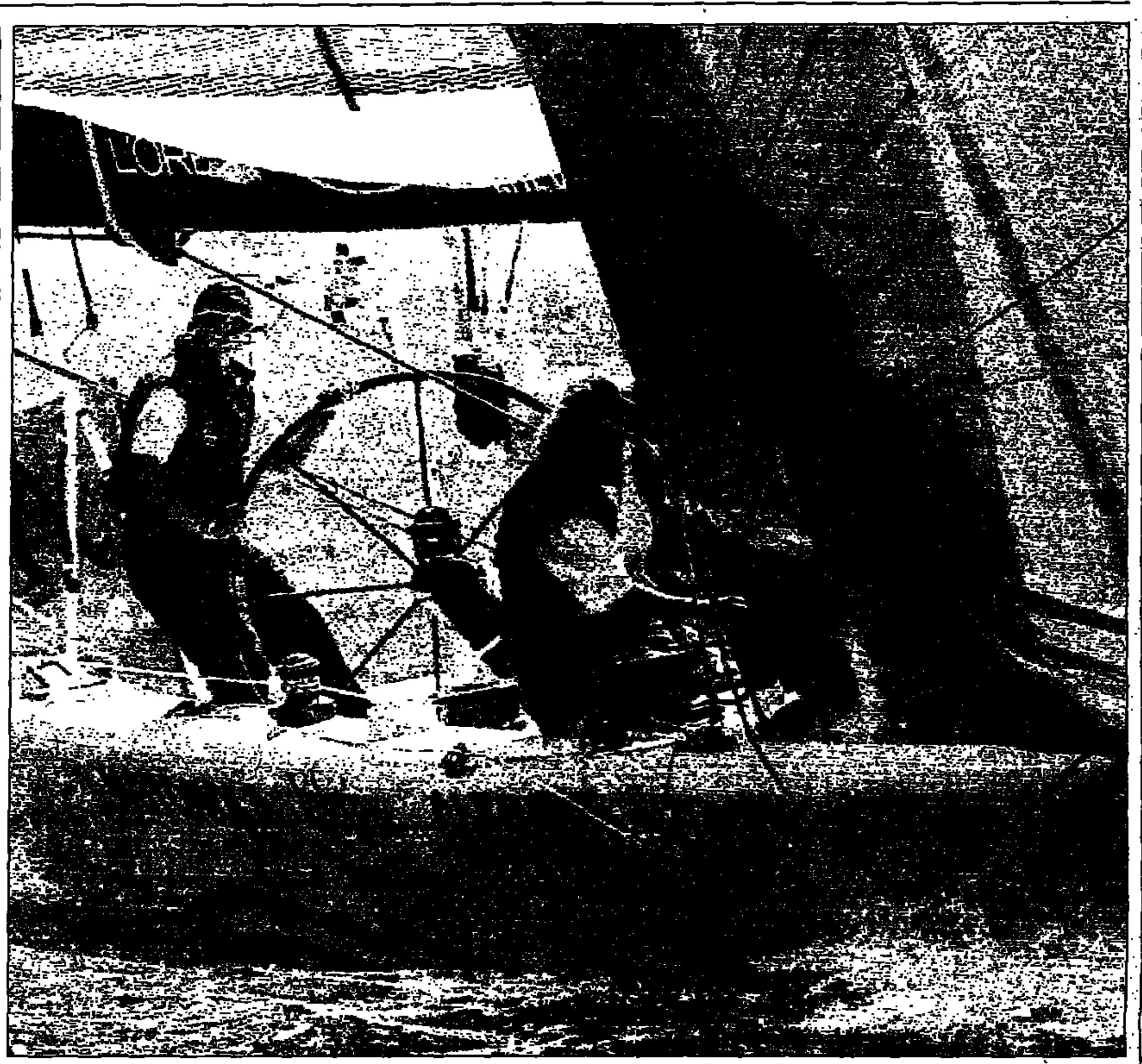
After the sixteenth frame *was originally re-racked.* Thorne led 57-4 when the players became involved in a safety exchange trickling the cue-ball in and out of the pack because *a red was hanging* over the top pocket.

Only 11 minutes play had elapsed when John Williams, the referee, intervened and *informed Hicks and Thorne* that they would each be allowed a further eight shots to end their tactical duelling or he would re-rack the frame again. Thorne, who clearly had most to lose, was unhappy with the decision and made his feelings plain. The argument affected Hicks, who played a clumsy shot with the rest which left Thorne a straightforward plant.

However, the altercation had shattered Thorne's concentration. He wasted the opportunity and Hicks capitalised with a 64 clearance to steal the frame on the pink for a 10-6 overnight lead.

Thorne was so incensed that he asked for a meeting with Ann Yates, *the tournament* director, and John Spencer, the chairman of the game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and *Snooker Association. Not sur*prisingly, Thorne's request for the frame to be declared void and replayed was denied and, on the resumption yesterday, *Hicks completed victory with* breaks of 117, 66 and 38.

Despite producing a standard appreciably below his best, Jimmy White remained *on course to join Hicks in the* last eight as he unimpressively established a 10-6 lead over David Roe. White, 7-1 ahead after the opening session, re*quired clearances to the black* of 48 and 38 to claim two of the three frames in which he prevailed in the second.



Leslie Egnot, left, aboard *Mighty Mary*, outraces *Young America* off San Diego. Photograph: Gary Caskey

Wily Conner stuns his rivals

From Barry Pickthall in San Diego

TWO weeks after Dennis Conner's fifth America's Cup campaign looked ready to sink, his two rivals for the right to defend the greatest prize in yachting are floundering *in what is proving to be* one of the most remarkable turn-arounds in the 144-year history of the competition.

Conner's *Stars & Stripes came to grief when her keel* nearly fell off midway through the semi-finals, and it was only a last-minute deal to grant television exposure to *his sponsors that allowed him* to compete at all.

The script written by Bill Koch and John Marshall, Conner's rival syndicate *heads, who had awarded* themselves bonus points for finishing first and second in the semi-finals, had the four-time America's Cup winner *eliminated after two races,* leaving their boats, *Mighty Mary* and *Young America,* to fight it out.

The deal, brokered by Koch, whose oil inheritance is funding Leslie Egnot's challenge, was seen as a particularly good one by Marshall, whose calculations told him that the two-point head start given to his *Young America* team was a better proposition than a one-on-one final against *Mighty Mary.*

What Marshall's computer did not account for, however, was Conner's remarkable resilience in a sport that he has made his own for two decades. *Stars & Stripes may be down* to her last keel and her war chest empty, but, somehow during the ten days between rounds, Conner and his crew *found an element of speed that* has propelled them to five victories over their rivals.

The contorted points system means that he and his crew had *only to beat* Kevin Mahaney's *Young America* last night or *Mighty Mary* today to win the right to defend the America's Cup against Team New Zealand. The best-of-nine-race final is scheduled to start on May 6.

If Conner loses both races, the three defender finalists *remain* tied, and, under the present arrangements, *Stars & Stripes* would be eliminated, leaving the others to face a sail-off tomorrow.

That scenario is unlikely because the American defender committee is unlikely to dismiss its best hope of retaining the America's Cup, whatever *Bill Koch's* legal team may argue. What is conceivable is a dispute that could split the defence effort and leave the New Zealand chal*lengers,* who at present have a faster boat, a clear run at winning the final series.

After defeat at the hands of Egnot's women's team on Saturday, Mahaney was philosophical about his reduced chances of winning the Citizen Cup defender trials. "We had a nice two-point advantage going into these finals, and if we can't go out today and win, we don't deserve to be in the America's Cup," he said.

"We *have not sailed* very well in this series, having chosen the wrong side in the first 15 minutes of the race pretty much every time."

Egnot, whose Cup destiny was in the hands of Mahaney last night, was adamant. "We really want *Young America* to win," she said after outsailing the *Young America* team on Saturday to keep her hopes alive.

"We were confident that everything was in good working order; everyone was wearing her own personal luck charms, right down to their underpants," she said with a laugh.

Mahaney, before setting sail for his own do-or-die battle against Conner, said: "Can I borrow them?"

Hallam blocks title path

Walter Gammie finds widespread approval for Hednesford Town's 2-2 draw at Gloucester City

MILD celebration was in the air at Meadow Park on Saturday. Hednesford Town gained a point that, coupled with the 2-0 defeat suffered by Cheltenham Town at *Burton Albion,* moved them closer to the Beazer Homes League premier division title. Gloucester City, not troubling to hide their glee at their local rivals' misfortune, took encourage*ment from touching form that* had made them title contenders until spluttering in the past six weeks.

Hednesford, having led twice, were denied victory by Mark Hallam, one of their *players last season, who* brought Gloucester level in the 76th minute. "I thought we did enough to win," John Baldwin, the Hednesford manager, said, trying to wish back the two points that would *have set the title within one* victory's grasp.

As it is, Hednesford (possible maximum 96 points) need to win one and at least draw the other one of their remaining two matches *because Cheltenham (possible* maximum 93 points, with four *matches left)* have a better goal difference.

If Hednesford approach their last obstacles with the positive intent that they showed on Saturday, they *should have few fears. While* neither side was able to impose any rhythym, an open contest, conducted at a fierce pace, brimmed with thrills *and spills.*

Williams had brilliantly *tipped* over the bar a close-range drive by Ullathorne before Hednesford took the lead in the fourteenth minute, the balding head of the experienced Burr stealing behind the defence to score from *Hackett's floated free kick.*

Ullathorne, full of darting runs in the first half, equalised five minutes into injury time. Having brought the ball infield from the left touchline, he ran on to receive a return pass *from Knight on the six-yard* line, elegantly dragged the ball back and drove past Williams.

Hednesford regained the *lead six minutes into the* second half. Essex, their tall centre back, flicked on a long throw from Gunn, the former Nottingham Forest player, for *Burr to run towards the byline* and fire a shot that rebounded to Wright, who hooked the ball in off the crossbar.

If Hallam's emphatic header from a flashing cross from the right touchline by Holmes dashed Hednesford's *hopes of* holding their lead, the players' spirits remained high, judging by the chorus of "top, top, top of the league" that greeted *Keith Gardner, the Gloucester* chairman, when he put his face round the dressing-room door to offer the hospitality of Gloucester's vice presidents' lounge.

Topping the league is, however, only half the job. Hednesford are racing to complete work on a new ground to the satisfaction of the Vauxhall Conference next month.

GLOUCESTER CITY (4-4-2): D Coles — D Conn, M Kayour (sub: A Harris, 74min), S Kemp, S Lester — K Knight, A Bird, A Adebowale, S Ullathorne — D Holmes, M Hallam

HEDNESFORD TOWN (4-4-2): R Williams — B Gunn, S Essex, W Simpson, K Collins — S Burr, G Fitzpatrick, S Devine, B Hackett (sub: P Carty, 75) — J O'Connor, H Wright.

Referee: M Fonder

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Vatanen dominates in Kielder

ARI VATANEN, from Fin*land, won the second round of* the Mobil 1/Top Gear British rally championship by a convincing four minute margin in a group A Ford Escort Cosworth.

The former world champi*on set fastest times on eight of* the 11 special stages in the famous Kielder Forest complex that claimed more than half the 91 entrants during the gruelling two-day event.

Thomas Abrahamsson, *from Sweden, finished* behind his fellow Scandinavian, closely followed by a brace of two-litre cars in the hands of Gregoire de Mevius, from Belgium, and Alistair McRae, from Scotland, the winner of the *first round of* the championship, in Wales.

□ Derek Bell, the five-time winner at Le Mans and twice the world sportscar champion, will contest the 24-hour French classic for a 25th time in June. Bell, 52, will share a McLaren F1 GTR with his son, Justin, 27, and Andy Wallace, who won the event in 1988.

S Africa's bowlers reclaim top spot

From David Rhys Jones in Durban

SOUTH African bowlers are back in the place that they believe is theirs by right — at the top of the world of bowls — after almost 20 years in the wilderness.

Lorna Trigwell and Jo Peacock *finished five points clear* at the top of the Atlantic Rim pairs table yesterday, while Lyn Dwyer, Hester Bekker and Colleen Grondein scraped in as triples champions, despite an unexpected last-round *defeat at the hands of Jersey.*

Hosting an international event for the first time since the proud Springboks monopolised the men's world championships at Johannesburg in 1976, South Africa *were home and dry in both* events with one session remaining.

Dry, perhaps, is not quite the word, as, when the players took to the green *for the final* round, the heavens opened.

When play resumed, the supporting cast competed for the minor medals, with Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw, of England, taking the pairs' silver, and Barbara Cameron and Phillis Nolan, of Ireland, *the defending champions, the* bronze.

Rita Jones, of Wales, who skipped the winning triple in Florida, this time steered a *new front end,* Ann Sutherland and Judith Wason, into second place, while Denise Falkner, Jean Jones and Val Stead, three unsung competitors from Jersey, were rewarded for their unexpected *dispatch of the champions* with bronze medals.

Janet Ackland and Betty Morgan, of Wales, who obtained the best result against the pairs champions — a 17-17 tie in the opening round — *finished their campaign,* in style with two superb victories, beating Jersey, 27-18, and Guernsey, 40-11, but finished in sixth place, having *suffered* a bad spell in between.

Scotland, who had a dire tournament, at least had the satisfaction of upstaging England in their final triples encounter.

Prean wins guide England to final

THREE wins for Carl Prean, the national *champion,* carried England to the final of the Commonwealth table tennis championships in *Singapore yesterday* (Richard Eaton writes). He won twice in a 4-1 victory over Scotland and once during a 4-0 triumph over India, which guaranteed the holders a meeting with Hong Kong today.

Prean, the top seed for the individual event, which starts on Wednesday, struggled in the humidity to overcome Euan Walker 21-14, 18-21, 21-14, but played far better to beat Stewart Crawford 21-8, 21-17. *In England's* last group match, against India, he beat Chetan Baboor 21-17, 21-9.

Lisa Lomas, the former European silver medal-winner, also found the conditions difficult and was rested for the contest against Malaysia, in which two wins by Andrea Holt, the national champion, were the highlights of a 4-0 victory which ensured England a place in the final against Hong Kong, the *top-seeded* title holders, whose Chai Po Aa, the world No 8, is favourite for the individual event.

Bokel breakthrough

FENCING: Germany broke the Hungarian hold on the Ipswich round of the women's epée World Cup yesterday when Claudia Bokel, 21, beat Adrienn Homay 15-14. *Gyongyi Szalay,* the title holder, also from Hungary, lost 15-14 to Bokel in the semi-final. *Laura Chiesa, the world* champion, lost to Szalay 15-11 in the quarter-final in arguably the best match of the competition.

The domestic performance was dismal, with all the top fencers failing in the first round. Only Val Cramb, of Scotland, made any impression, but *she* lost 15-14 in the second round to Valerie Varlois, of France, and finished 64th. The event was the first on the international circuit to count towards Olympic qualification for Atlanta next year and, as a consequence, was the strongest in recent years.

Chang retains title

TENNIS: Michael Chang, right, of the United States, comfortably retained the Hong Kong Open title yesterday with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Jonas Bjorkman, from Sweden. Bjorkman, the world doubles champion with Jan Apell but without a singles title on the ATP Tour, broke Chang's service twice in the first set, but humidity played its part and Chang *took command.*

Walsham sprints home

CYCLING: Mark Walsham, the Sheffield professional, won the 103-mile Welwyn to Hatfield pro-am road race yesterday after dropping out of the leading pack with only two miles to go. He then sprinted into the lead and dominated the finish. John Tanner, his colleague in the Tritech team, was second and *remains overall leader of the* Premier Calender competition after five races.

Barsosio shows power

ATHLETICS: Sally Barsosio, 17, of Kenya, won the women's five-kilometre race in the Reebok festival of running in Battersea Park, London, in 15min 29sec yesterday. Bev Hartigan, of Birchfield, finished 20sec back. Andrew Sambu, of Tanzania, won the men's race in 13min 36sec, ahead of Philip Mosima and Wilson Omwoyo, of Kenya, with John Mayock, of Great Britain, fourth in 13min 43sec.

Happy ending for colts

RUGBY UNION: *England's colts completed their season* with a 25-10 victory over France in La Teste on Saturday. Tries from Smith, Fitzgerald and Murphy helped England overturn a 10-0 half-time deficit. Belgian added two conversions and a penalty goal and Blyth dropped a goal. In *the under-16 schools international* at *Pontypridd* on Saturday, Wales defeated England 10-3.

Beattie wins on last lap

MOTORCYCLING: Daryl Beattie, right, of Australia, won the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka yesterday. Beattie, riding a Suzuki, overtook Michael Doohan, *his compatriot, riding* a Honda, during the final lap to win his first 500cc world championship event since the German Grand *Prix in Hockenheim in* 1993. Takuma Aoki, of Japan, also on a Honda, was third.

Bennett fires to title

BOWLS: Paul Bennett, of Bodmin, the runner-up *in* the national indoor singles championship last year, won the Champion of Champions singles competition at Tamworth, *Staffordshire,* yesterday, beating Bill Condron, of Central and South-West Durham, 21-19. Facing a match lie on the 28th end, Bennett fired and took out both of *Condron's* woods, while Condron missed with his final drive.

Demanding final

RACKETS: Willie Boone, the former world champion, and Tim Cockroft survived a three-hour cliff-hanger against Neil *Smith and Peter Brake,* the professionals, before winning the Lacoste British Open doubles championship in spectacular style. However, the *previously untried pairing of* Smith and Brake gave notice that they are on the verge of becoming an outstanding partnership.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Rushden and Diamonds. Midland division: Ilkeston v Hinckley Town.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Sutton United (7.45). First division: Bognor Regis v Aldershot Town. Second division: Croydon v Witham. Third division: Tring v Cove.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Radcliffe; Congleton v Bamber Bridge, Warrington v Gretna.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buckingham Athletic v Wingate and Finchley. Premier division Cup: Final: Shillington v Hatfield.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Calne v Elmore

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Brierley Hill v Rushall.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Second division: Wimbledon v Swindon. Cup: Final, first leg: West Ham v Chelsea.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior first division: Old Owens v Nottsborough.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Penrith.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hadleigh U v Newmarket, Tiptree v Lowestoft.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Langney Sports v Newhaven; Pagham v Shoreham; Peacehaven/Telscombe v Hailsham; Southwick v Wick.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v North Ferriby. Cup: Semi-final: Belper Town v Stocksbridge PS.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth v Ipswich (7.0); Tottenham v Brighton (at St Albans); West Ham v Bristol Rovers (2.0). Second division: Hereford v Bath (7.0); Plymouth v Exeter; Torquay v Birmingham.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Stoke v Nottingham Forest (7.0); Wolverhampton v Sheffield Utd (at Telford, 7.0). Second division: Leicester v Preston (7.0); Manchester City v Huddersfield (6.45); Oldham v Hull (7.0); York v Burnley (7.0).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of three: King's College, Taunton: Somerset v Sussex. First day of three: Ramsbottom: Lancashire v Northamptonshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

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Judges' verdict deprives German challenger of world title and heaps disgrace on noble art

Travesty of justice leads to Foreman's reprieve

FROM DAVID MILLER
IN LAS VEGAS

Schulz, the challenger from Germany, catches Foreman with a powerful left during the eighth round of the IBF heavyweight world title bout in Las Vegas. Photograph: R Marsh Starks

AXEL SCHULZ, from eastern Germany, genuinely and convincingly claimed the *International Boxing* Federation heavyweight title during 12 rounds of thrilling combination punching on Saturday night. They were dancing in the streets of Frankfurt an der Oder at European sunrise as Schulz punched the air at the final bell.

The shame, sadly also all too genuine, is that three Nevada judges, overcome by sentiment, myopia or bald-faced bias, gave the verdict to G F: grandfather George Foreman, the defender. Those celebrating Germany's triumph were stunned when the sickening decision was announced. Jeering and whistling flooded the arena here.

In this capital of avarice, boxing and the commendable upstart Schulz suffered one of the most disgraceful verdicts in the history of the ring. While the moneymen — Bob Arum, the promoter, and the sleek presidents of HBO Television and the hosting MGM Hotel — squawked like the Queen of Hearts about "a great fight, a great fight, a great night for boxing", honest men hung their heads in dismay or even shook their fists in fury.

"Axel was robbed," Johnny Tocco, the veteran Las Vegas trainer-manager, who had advised Schulz, said. "He scored the points. The decision makes America look so bad."

On this evidence, even a rusty Mike Tyson would make a fool of the ancient Foreman in their widely projected $100 million (£66 million) clash. A sensible Tyson, ignoring Foreman's jibes of "avoiding me", will, however, be advised to have a couple of sharpeners before meeting anyone with a big punch.

Boxing, in contrast to its sleazy administration, is and always will be a noble art for some of the truest sportsmen you can meet. Schulz, throwing two hands for every minute of the bout, and the dogged Foreman, leaning on instinct and summoning the bravery that once made him a great boxer, had produced a worthy, dignified bout.

Schulz had routed every American forecaster. When Foreman turned towards his corner at the conclusion, his left eye almost closed by a tomato-sized swelling, his hefty frame was limp in mute acknowledgement of the other man's victory. Schulz modestly raised his arms in recognition of a supposed victory both tactical and physical.

Incredibly, the three judges conclusively awarded the bout to the bruised, dazed defender, whose wrinkled old man's legs had all too evidently gone by the seventh round. Yet the majority of experienced American commentators, never mind their ill-judged pre-bout dismissal of Schulz, gave the verdict to the German by anything from a two to four-round margin.

On my count, Foreman won only the second, fifth and eleventh, with the first even. His brave last charge in the eleventh, lumbering at Schulz like a wounded old buffalo, was an emotional sight even for a neutral. The oldest champion in history weathered Schulz's stinging left lead and counter-punching, himself swinging lefts and rights in the knowledge that he had to knock down his man if he were to win.

Afterwards, Foreman paid tribute to the momentum given to him by the crowd's chanting of "USA, USA" during the interval before the eleventh. "I'll never forget it — it pulled me through," he said, peering at the audience through dark glasses that barely concealed the damage inflicted upon his still handsome face.

The suspicion must be that the judges were among those chanting. Two of them gave the bout to Foreman by seven rounds to five, the third marked them even, though that was almost as laughable.

Yet from the third onwards Schulz — a product of the meticulous former Communist training system within which he developed until the regime collapsed and he turned openly professional — had the champion blinking.

Out of sheer pride, Foreman had refused to take to his stool between rounds, leaning on the ropes in the corner while the veteran Angelo Dundee, rising barely to Foreman's chest, tried to talk his man past trouble. Foreman was seriously in bother by the fifth and sixth, swinging and missing, forced to clinch for the first time. Trouble worsened in the seventh when Schulz, now starting to throw his painful rights to the body, also caught Foreman high on the temple with a right hook which raised the bruise over his eye. Now, it was Foreman backing off, halted in his tracks by two more rights to the body in the eighth.

By the tenth, Shulz knew that the bout was his if he stayed calm. He began to open out, going for his combinations of left lead and right uppercut, left and right hooks. A worried Foreman was increasingly convinced that he had only three rounds to find the one punch that would protect his $50 million share of the Tyson bonus. He never found it, but the judges gave him a reprieve.

Perhaps they gave it for such courage at his age, which was indeed exceptional. While the bout revealed that Schulz has become an accomplished boxer, it also proved that maybe he has not the punch to put down a big opponent.

Schulz was sanguine in his comments. "Our strategy worked," he said. "I scored the points, but I also had to fight the referee and the judges."

Foreman alleged that a challenger needs to come at his opponent more than Schulz, that Schulz backed off too much. Schulz rejected the criticism. "I think the main objective in boxing is to avoid punches, and I stuck to that plan," he said. It was a plan that worked. Or should have.

Bossert presented with Cannes opener

FROM MEL WEBB
IN CANNES

FOR only the third time in the past two years, a PGA European Tour golf event was cut short yesterday when the rain that had poured for a good part of the previous 36 hours brought an end to the Cannes Open at Royal Mougins without a ball being hit on the final day. The Côte d'Azur has been more like the Côte de Pluie this week.

The last time that a tournament had been shortened by the elements was the Madeira Island Open last year, when fog on the mountainous Santo da Serra course killed off play on the third day. In 1993, rain, sleet and even snow meant that the last round of the Catalan Open at Osona Montanya could not be played. The last time a European Tour event was reduced to 36 holes was 11 years ago at Monte Carlo.

It is not the first time that this tournament has been brought to a premature conclusion. Paul Broadhurst was in the early weeks of his first season as a professional when he took the Cannes title in 1989 with a 54-hole total of 207.

The abandonment yesterday gave a maiden European victory to Andre Bossert, the South African-born Swiss, who won £37,500 after the prize fund had been reduced to three-quarters of its original £300,000.

He won with a 36-hole total of 132, ten under par, and, while not entirely happy that he had been unable to prove himself over all four rounds, he could take consolation from the fact that he would be credited with a victory on his career record. Another bonus is that he will be granted the normal two-year exemption for Tour events, although Ryder Cup points will take the same 25 per cent cut that was inflicted on the purse.

Bossert won by two strokes from Jean Van de Velde, the French No 1, and Oyvind Rojahn, the little-known young Norwegian, who was third at the qualifying school last autumn. This was the tenth tournament of Rojahn's embryonic European career, and he had previously missed nine cuts with a best performance of 68th. Only one player finished below him in the Catalan Open which preceded this tournament, and he had walked away with precisely £446 for 72 holes of hard labour. He was not heard to be complaining about taking more than £19,500 for half the work this week.

A measure of British honour was salvaged by David Gilford and Andrew Coltart, who were a further stroke behind, Coltart ruing the fact that he had three-putted the last green on Friday afternoon. Had he not bogeyed there, he would have gone home last night with nearly £6,500 more in his wallet.

Even so, he was not as unhappy as Adam Hunter or John Robson, who had pushed themselves into a share of second place during the few holes that could be played on Saturday. With those figures wiped off the slate, Robson had to be content with a share of sixth and Hunter a share of tenth. If Hunter had maintained his position, he would have won £12,000 more than he did. No wonder he described himself as "gutted."

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Ruckwood closes in on Atlanta dream

BY CRAIG LORD

ANOTHER year, another accolade and another step closer to his Olympic dream. Adam Ruckwood yesterday added the Commonwealth record to the Commonwealth title he won in the 200 metres backstroke last summer.

In becoming the first Briton to swim the distance in less than two minutes — his 1min 59.52sec was 0.27sec inside the year-old standard set by Scott Miller, of Australia — Ruckwood moved to the top of the world rankings for this year and met the latest target on his gold-medal timetable for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next year.

On course to produce a surprise at the European championships in Vienna this summer, Ruckwood expressed a clear vision. "I wanted a 1:59 here. I want 1:58.5 by Vienna, a 1:57 at the trials next year and 1:56 or better at Atlanta," he said. "That's the plan."

Yesterday, Ruckwood and Tim Jones, his coach at Birmingham, had set out to "do things a little differently", by aiming for a halfway split well inside British-record pace. His 58.45sec at 100 metres was only 0.37sec slower than world-record pace. By 150 metres, he was more than a second inside his previous best and hung on to better the 2min 00.15sec that had won him the title in Victoria, Canada, last year.

Ruckwood confessed to being "more nervous than normal", before racing yesterday at the European championship trials at the Ponds Forge pool, Sheffield, as he was disappointed at having finished third, albeit within the former British record, to Martin Harris and Neil Willey in the 100 metres on Saturday. Harris lowered his own British record of 55.73sec to 55.00sec, the fastest time by a European since the Olympic Games in Barcelona in 1992.

Karen Pickering and Mark Foster proved themselves a class apart while qualifying for the races for which they hold world short-course titles — the 200 metres and 50 metres freestyle respectively.

Emma Tattam, of Portsmouth, beat Kathy Osher, the national champion, in the 100 metres backstroke to book her ticket to Vienna, while Alex Bennett, of Nottingham, put in two of the most admirable performances of the day, finishing second to Pickering in the freestyle before winning the 100 metres butterfly less than half an hour later.

With three relays, Bennett will have one of the toughest schedules among the 25 swimmers sure of representing Great Britain in Vienna. The final team will be made public tomorrow.

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Graffham overwhelm Langham

SIX teams entered the Tyro Cup tournament at Amber-sham, Sussex, signalling the start of the intermediate-goal season for the Cowdray Park polo club (John Watson writes).

Graffham and Langham were first to ride on on Saturday. Both teams aggregated a handicap of 12, but Graffham won 9-1.

Their supremacy owed much to the forceful combination of Oliver Ellis and Adrian Wade in the centre, each of whom played off a handicap of five.Neil McLean, their patron, who was invariably unmarked, also scored to give them a 5-0 lead before the end of the first chukka.

David Jamison, the Graffham back, retired injured at half-time, but Rupert Clarke filled the gap with aplomb.

Paul Withers, the veteran Langham back, scored his side's only goal from a penalty shot in the final minute.

Two other 12-goal sides, Lucas White's Indio and Gordon Roddick's Rough Park, met in the day's second match. Indio won 7-2 to set up a semi-final with West Sphere next Saturday. Graffham will play Cowdray Park.

TEAMS: Graffham: 1, N McLean (1); 2, A Wade (5); 3, O Ellis (5); back, D Jamison (sub: R Clarke) (1). Langham: 1, R Guess (1), 2, W Healy (3); 3, G Henderson (4); back, P Withers (4). Indio: 1, L White (2), 2, J Wade (4); 3, A Kent (7); back, A Hotsson (-1). Rough Park: 1, G Roddick (1); 2, C Bethell (4); 3, Lord C Beresford (6), back, N Dowlatshahi (1).

Small crowd adds to gloom for Monarchs

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Amsterdam Admirals .. 17

BY RICHARD WETHERELL

THE London Monarchs failed to topple the unbeaten Amsterdam Admirals and, more specifically, Ralph Dawkins, their running back, in the World League of American Football match at White Hart Lane yesterday.

Dawkins, allocated to the league by the New Orleans Saints, carried the ball 40 times and for 161 yards. Defeat means that the Monarchs have no chance of hosting the World Bowl in June, an honour that goes to the Admirals.

It is off the field, however, that the Monarchs' biggest problems surely lie. The small number of faithful supporters in attendance yesterday were heavily outnumbered by the stadium's empty blue seats. While a disappointingly low crowd does provoke a tendency towards short-term myopia, 8,763 is a desperate figure.

The game started disappointingly for Victor Ebubedike, the Monarchs' British running back, who fumbled the ball on his first carry. Three plays later, Dawkins, responsible for the vast majority of the Admirals' offence with 98 yards rushing in the first half alone, scored from a yard out. From then on, aside from dropping a pass, Ebubedike became conspicuous by his absence.

The Monarchs replied immediately to the touchdown, however, with a fine drive that ended when Larry Wallace caught a 26-yard touchdown pass. Brad Johnson, at quarterback, was receiving plenty of protection.

The Monarchs defence was successfully harassing the Admirals quarterbacks and, after Horace Morris caused a fumble, Don Silvestri kicked a 22-yard field goal. Terry Belden, though, replied for the Admirals from 35 yards to level the scores at 10-10 at half-time.

The visitors then took the lead after Wright returned a punt for 56 yards and Dawkins went over for six yards.

The final stages of the match were something of a disappointment as the Admirals successfully denied the Monarchs possession that would have given them the chance to get back into the game.

The Scottish Claymores won their first game on Saturday with a 20-14 victory over Frankfurt Galaxy in Germany. They had a superb piece of improvisation by Matt Blundin, their quarterback, to thank. Losing 14-13 with 1min 07sec left, Blundin completed a pass to Darrell Mitchell despite a Galaxy defender bringing him down by his right leg. On the next play, Siran Stacy scored from a yard out.

Event with identity crisis fails to find the target

Oliver Holt discovers air of unreality as White Hart Lane hosts American football

The feeling that something was wrong began about half an hour before the match started. Zios the Hydronoid, dressed in clinging PVC, a black helmet and golden face mask and affecting a Michael Jackson-like moonwalk, stilled himself for a moment in front of my seat. "How ya doin? Where ya from", she asked.

Macclesfield, Cheshire, does not have quite the same ring as Winslow, Arizona, or Little Rock, Arkansas, but, before I had a chance to tell Zios, Nicky Horne, Britain's original face of American football, obliterated any hope of a meaningful conversation with his introduction of the real star of the pre-match show.

Unfortunately, Roarin' George, the London Monarch's new mascot, a fearsome lion-lookalike, either missed his cue or was stuck in the tunnel trying to roar his way past the mass of players stomping back to the changing rooms after their warm-ups. On the touchline, Droopy and Bugs Bunny shook their heads in disbelief at his ineptitude.

Just about that time, Nicky's microphone failed. His sense of excitement came through only in snatches, but we did get enough to realise that Chaka Khan, the pop singer, was going to perform the traditional rendition of the American national anthem.

Chaka belted it out with a ferocity worthy of the most determined line-backer, but the microphone was not through yet and her voice had to compete with the mumblings of security men on their walkie-talkies that kept cutting into her singing. The Americans in the crowd smiled uneasily as they stood in their places; the rest of us laughed, and Chaka continued her struggle apparently unabashed.

The trouble was that, although everybody desperately wanted White Hart Lane to be Joe Robbie Stadium, the Georgia Dome, or some other American dream venue, it just was not. The British may be past-masters at the execution of certain ceremonials, but, when it comes to American football, Americans are in a different league.

When you watch a football game in the United States, you know you are being targeted by a package. The interruptions for commercials may rankle and you laugh at the antics of the cheerleaders and the funny signs held up in the crowd.

It may be corny, but you know it is for real. You know that, imperfect though it may be, what you are watching is a genuine slice of American culture executed with rare professionalism, panache and razzmatazz.

In England, American football is a whole different ball game, pervaded by an air of unreality. Nobody quite has the courage of their convictions, neither the players nor the supporters who indulge in half-hearted Mexican waves. Roarin' George was lacklustre, not the bundle of energy American mascots usually are, and the cheerleaders tried, but their routines paled beside those of their American counterparts.

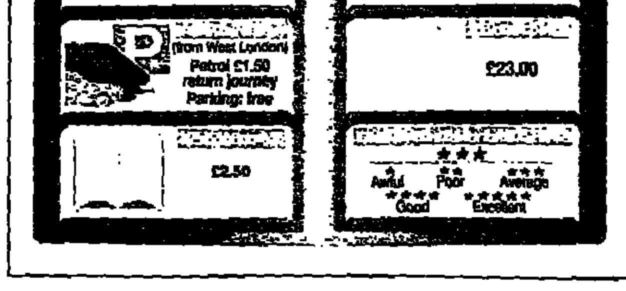
The stadium was less than half full so the atmosphere was rather disappointing and echoey. The action on the field corresponded to it: these players are no duffers, either second string National Football League team members or promising college players, but the gulf between them and professional football in the United States is huge.

The Americans in the crowd seemed to enjoy the spectacle as a curiosity and some likened the atmosphere to that produced by a high school game. Only isolated moments of skill from Brad Johnson, the Monarchs' quarter-back, Warren Moon's back-up for the Minnesota Vikings, drew sustained applause.

The view of these moments was less than perfect, too. I paid £16.50 for a seat in the lower tier of the east stand. I sat four rows from the front with a view obscured by the touch judges and the men carrying the pennants used to measure disputed yardages. Roarin' George got in the way from time to time, too.

Yet I did see Johnson's throw to Larry Wallace which allowed the Monarchs to tie the scores at 7-7. Wallace removed his helmet immediately to reveal a red bandana. He thought he was Deion Sanders.

When Wallace scored, a man with a cockney accent leapt up. He had a furry tail on the back of his baseball hat and looked more like a trapper from the Yukon than a Londoner — typical of the identity crisis running through the occasion. The feeling that something was wrong remained.



Keighley celebrate triumph without reward

Stuart Jones reports as the second division champions break records with a 104-4 triumph over Highfield

Keighley, contemptuously dismantling rugby league records during a celebratory frolic, were yesterday crowned as champions of the Stones Bitter Championship second division. Unless they win their next fixture, though, their season will have come to an end in the alien surroundings of Spotland, in Rochdale, with an exercise in sheer futility.

Promoted, they are a team with nowhere to go. Having completed an improbable transformation over the past five years, they have been denied the ultimate reward of competing with the high and the mighty, most of whom are *expected to feature in one form* or another in the so-called Super League next season.

But Keighley, who were attracting an average of only a couple of hundred spectators through their gates at the start of the decade, have not come this far to submit meekly. The 5,000 supporters who travelled from Yorkshire to witness the team's crowning glory anxiously await developments that will gather official momentum today.

The club is to take legal action to avoid falling into the void left by the expedient formation of the Super League. Keighley may be a small cog in the recent machinations but the side, like a *whale patrolling a fish tank*, has evidently outgrown the second division.

The evidence presented at *the home of Rochdale's football* club was overwhelming yesterday, albeit against the weakest team in the second division. Keighley rattled up 50 points before the interval and, after it, during a remarkable, irresistible sequence, they scored three successive tries that were interrupted only by kicking duties, the conversions and Highfield's restart.

By midway through the second half they surpassed the *club's record total of 88 points*. Had they not lost some of their remorseless impetus they would surely have run up an unprecedented total. As it is, they assured themselves of another historic mark in the closing minutes.

When Irving converted the twelfth of their 20 tries, Keighley became the most prolific away side in rugby league history. The honour had been held by Hull Kingston Rovers, who won 100-6 at Nottingham. Pickney claimed the individual distinction. With five tries, he broke another club record.

At the centre of the *ridiculous mismatch* was the jovial Brendan Hill. He is built like a telephone kiosk and the image is enhanced by Keighley's red colours. With the moustache of a Mexican bandit, he attracts the same attention and presents himself as the same figure of fun as Merv Hughes, the Australian cricketer, does in another field.

His admirers might as well have been at home, so conspicuous were Highfield's supporters by their absence. It has been estimated that 40 per cent of Keighley's followers are female, a notably high figure which could not be doubted given the evidence of those assembled in the Spotland stands yesterday.

Demand for tickets had been so high that the venue had to be rearranged. Instead of carrying out the *celebrations so far from home*, the crowd was invited to attend a barbecue back at Cougar Park.

The £30,000 that Keighley were awarded with the trophy will help fund the impending court case but their chairman, Mike Neill, admits that he has "no idea what is going to happen".

"We are going to hit them with everything," he said of the planned legal challenge.

A few weeks ago, Neill was drinking in a local pub when he was confronted by a woman unknown to him. She embraced him and thanked him for saving her family. Her husband, instead of indulging in his usual Sunday habit of excess alcohol, *now took* his wife and children to watch Keighley.

"That is an indication of how popular we have become," Neill said.

When he took over in charge at Keighley five years ago, there were no schools in the area playing rugby league. Now there are 36. The crime rate in the area has dropped proportionately too.

Iro provides the sparks that ignite Leeds effort

Wakefield Trinity	14
Leeds	30

By Christopher Irvine

SO MUCH for valiant endeavour and courage on St George's Day. There was *plenty of both shown by the* home side yesterday before Wakefield's wake became an indulgent warm-up by Leeds for Wembley and the Rugby League Challenge Cup final on Saturday.

Four Leeds tries in ten minutes scuttled the Dreadnoughts, but a last-minute try by McGowan, which Wright goaled, was a stirring act of defiance. The last score at Belle Vue.

If indeed a valedictory performance, Trinity went down fighting. There were tears among supporters, many of whom remained 15 minutes after the finish to chant their team's praises a final time. At *the home of one of the founder* teams of the Northern Union it was the end of an era and for the club with a list of honours more extensive than some teams in the Super League next March in their own right.

Of the three neighbours supposed to merge as Calder *for the new summer league*, Wakefield have embraced the idea more positively, perhaps because they realise the financial consequences of not allying themselves with Castleford and Featherstone Rovers. There was a protest by seven people carrying a banner, but its effect was token and merely *served to cause a slight delay* in the cheerleaders' half-time display.

Shareholders at Wakefield voted 4-1 in favour of entering merger discussions with their two rivals, but on Saturday, Castleford dispelled any such notion. Their shareholders *voted to seek Super League* status in the club's own right while the outcome tomorrow of Featherstone's ballot of its 1,100 members is expected to show a majority opposed to the three-way marriage.

Leeds were stung into winning a match that for an hour *they looked capable of losing*. In Wright, Wakefield had the playmaker who pulled the strings, while Schofield and *Mann* were at sixes and sevens at half back for the visitors. Wright was the architect of Wakefield's first try, slotting Powell into a gap, to cut Leeds into the lead to 10-8.

Harmon and Mercer managed to crash over from short range, but as many chances *were frittered away by Leeds*. Wakefield forwards, Thompson, Gildart and Slater in particular, turned the screw, although it was Thompson's warring with Mercer which resulted in their sin-binning that prompted Leeds' reaction.

Iro's power and poise was the catalyst. His dummy and acceleration to squeeze in at the right corner, creation of a try for Ayres and brilliant run *from half way to elude the* hapless Spencer, submerged Wakefield.

There was a further try by Tait, but against Wigan on Saturday Leeds will require 80, rather than 20, good minutes.

SCORERS. Wakefield: Tries: Powell, McGowan. Goals: Wright (3). Leeds: Tries: Iro (2), Harmon, Mercer, Ayres, Tait. Goals: Cummins (3).

WAKEFIELD TRINITY: G Spencer, L Child, S McGowan, A Flynn, D Powell, N Wright, B Conway, [illegible], B Noble (sub J Hurst), S Thompson, J Thompson, I Gildart, N Bell, R Slater (sub W Flynn 79).

LEEDS: A Tait, J Fallon, K Iro, C Innes, F Cummins, G Mann, G Schofield, N Harmon, J Lowes, H Howard (sub A Morley 40), E Farrell (sub [illegible] 64), R [illegible], G Mercer.

Referee: P [illegible]

DRAWS

PREMERSHIP DRAWS (final league positions shown in brackets) First division: First round: Wigan (1) v Sheffield (8), Leeds (2) v Bradford (7), Castleford (3) v Warrington (6), (4) St Helens v Halifax (5). Second division: First round. Keighley (1) v Hull K R (8), Batley (2) v Dewsbury (7), Huddersfield (3) v Rochdale (6), London Broncos (4) v Whitehaven (5)

To be played weekend of May 7

Powell seeks another breakthrough for Keighley as they pile up record-breaking score. Photograph: John Varley

☐ Scott Quinnell scored a splendid hat-trick of tries yesterday in Wigan's 66-16 rout of Hull — but the Welsh player still looks unlikely to secure a place in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley next weekend.

☐ Representatives of the Australian Rugby League (ARL) have been in Britain for the past two to three days armed with contracts to lure British players to Australia.

Rodney Walker, the chairman of the Rugby Football League (RFL), said: "We think that they're trying to make contact with leading players to sign post-dated cheques for the ARL. This was the very scenario Morris Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, was concerned about three weeks ago, when the cupboard would have been stripped bare. It's a different position now we have the £77 million for the Super League."

Counter contracts could now be offered to keep players in this country, but there was speculation regarding the position of Ellery Hanley, the Great Britain coach, and Leeds player-coach Denis Greenwood, the Leeds chairman, said: "We are fighting to keep him. It's a very bad blow just before Wembley."

Australia crumble in face of furious pace attack

From Richard Hutton in Port of Spain

WEST Indies, inspired by a rejuvenated Curtly Ambrose, bowled out Australia for 105 in the second innings and quickly accumulated the 98 runs required to win the third Test at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad and leave the four-match series poised at 1-1 before the fourth Test starting in Jamaica on Saturday.

On the previous evening, Australia had withstood nine hostile overs against the new ball, *and in doing so* converted a first innings deficit of eight into an advantage of 12 with all wickets in tact.

With the pitch gradually paling in colour, under a burning sun, conditions for batting should have been less hazardous than in their first *innings. Such expectation* proved to be short-lived. In the second over of the day, also the first in the match to be delivered by Walsh from the Members' end of the ground, Slater received a lifter which he could only divert via his glove high to third slip.

Thereupon Taylor, showing sound judgment, and Boon promised to put together a partnership of substance. But the Australian captain failed to get forward to one of unexpectedly good length, consequently playing inside the line and edging to the wicketkeeper.

In the next over, Boon helping himself with relish to a rare longhop from Walsh, *picked out Chanderpaul, substituting* temporarily for Winston Benjamin, in the gully. This brought togeher the constrasting Waughs though both demonstrated a common intent of taking whatever opportunities might be on offer. Runs flowed and anything over-pitched was despatched by Steve Waugh.

If anything was to signal a similar chain of events to that befalling England on this ground 11 months ago, it was the break in concentration following Steve Waugh's treatment to a hand injury. The Waughs were dismissed within two balls of each other. *Steve shovelled a full-length* ball to *second slip* for the *presentation of yet another* comfortable catch. To the next ball, the first of Ambrose's third over after relieving Walsh from a 75-minute spell, Mark was trapped on the back foot by a sharp break back. Two balls later Ambrose was too quick for Healy, who was late coming down on a ball which he played into his stumps.

In the next over Blewett played a *wretched stroke*, a wild slash outside off stump, to give Kenny Benjamin his third wicket from another innocuous-looking ball. Two balls later Ambrose overwhelmed Julian, whose disinclination to meet a fast, straight ball on the front foot completed *his* unhappy match with a pair.

Reiffel and Warne temporarily halted the procession but before the *afternoon* session was fifteen minutes old they too, had succumbed to the pace, and bounce of West Indies' bowling.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

*M A Taylor c Adams b Ambrose	2
M J Slater c Murray b Walsh	0
D C Boon c Richardson b Ambrose	18
M E Waugh c Murray b Ambrose	2
S R Waugh not out	63
G S Blewett c Murray b W Benjamin	17
†I A Healy c Richardson b Walsh	8
B P Julian c Adams b K Benjamin	0
P R Reiffel c Lara b Walsh	11
S K Warne b Ambrose	0
G D McGrath c Murray b Ambrose	0
Extras (lb 6, w 1)	7
Total	128

FALL: 1-2, 2-2, 3-14, 4-37, 5-62, 6-95, 7-98, 8-121, 9-128

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-5-45-5; Walsh 17-4-50-3, W Benjamin 6-3-13-1; K Benjamin 8-2-14-1.

Second Innings

M J Slater c Richardson b Walsh	15
*M A Taylor c Murray b K Benjamin	30
D C Boon c Sub b Walsh	9
M E Waugh lbw b Ambrose	7
S R Waugh c Hooper b K Benjamin	21
G S Blewett c Murray b K Benjamin	2
†I A Healy b Ambrose	0
B P Julian b Ambrose	0
P R Reiffel c Hooper b Ambrose	6
S K Warne c Hooper b Walsh	11
G D *McGrath not out*	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-52, 3-56, 4-85, 5-85, 6-85, 7-87, 8-87, 9-105.

BOWLING. Ambrose 10.1-1-20-4; Walsh 13-4-35-3; W Benjamin 5-0-15-0; K Benjamin 8-1-32-3.

WEST INDIES: First innings

S C Williams c Taylor b Reiffel	0
*R B Richardson c Healy b McGrath	2
B C Lara c Taylor b McGrath	24
J C Adams c M Waugh b Reiffel	42
C L Hooper c Reiffel b S Waugh	21
K L T Arthurton c M Waugh b McGrath	5
†J R Murray c Healy b McGrath	13
W K M Benjamin c Slater b Warne	7
C E L Ambrose c Slater b McGrath	1
C A Walsh c Blewett b McGrath	14
K C G Benjamin not out	1
Extras (lb 4, nb 2)	6
Total	136

FALL. 1-1, 2-6, 3-42, 4-87, 5-95, 6-106, 7-113, 8-114, 9-129.

BOWLING: McGrath 21.5-11-47-6; Reiffel 18-7-26-2; Julian 7-1-24-0. S Waugh 3-1-19-1; Warne 12-5-16-1.

Second Innings

S C Williams c Warne b M E Waugh	42
*R B Richardson not out	38
B C Lara not out	14
Extras (b 4)	4
Total (1 wkt)	98

FALL OF WICKET: 1-81.

BOWLING McGrath 6-1-22-0; Reiffel 6-2-21-0, Julian 3-0-16-0; Warne 3.5-0-26-0; M E Waugh 2-0-9-1

Umpires: C Cumberbatch (Trinidad) and D Shepherd (England).

Mushtaq shines brightest in dawn of spin age

By Jack Bailey

TAUNTON (Sussex won toss): Somerset (2pts) bt Sussex by 54 runs

THIS is the dawning of the age of the leg spinner. At least, it was yesterday at Taunton. By way of *an hors d'oeuvre*, Ian Salisbury came on to bowl 11 economical overs for Sussex and dismiss Mark Lathwell, *in full flow. Then*, with Sussex well on their way to a target of 242, Mushtaq Ahmad, after a few overs of bamboozling and appealing without reward, sent Sussex reeling from 93 for one to 107 for five and there was no coming back.

Mushtaq's 11 overs and four wickets for 29 runs contained a spell in which he took three for six in 22 balls, but it was *not so much the* quantity, as the quality, of his wickets which served Somerset so well.

Bill Athey, one had noted, was having difficulty fathoming Mushtaq, but nevertheless was getting something in the way when he was caught *at leg slip. He and Jamie Hall* had put on 62 for the first wicket, and Sussex were on course. Then, Alan Wells, fresh from his wonderful start to the season, at Edgbaston, padded up to a googly with dire result. Another googly accounted for Lenham, bowled through the gate.

Carlos Remy also paid the price; and with Trump's off spin reaping two wickets at *the* other end, Sussex had moved from promise to penury. Stephenson survived skying a gaper to cover, hit a couple of straight sixes but Mushtaq's wizardy was not to be denied.

Somerset's 241 for seven on a good pitch and an outfield of *surprising speed* was useful, but by no means formidable. As Sussex sped through their overs before lunch — 2¼ hours saw 42 overs bowled — it was some time before Lathwell and Bowler gained the upper hand.

Trescothick never did. He was out in the day's seventh over without registering and, with Lathwell also wary and watchful against the accurate *Giddins and the wiles of* Stephenson, Sussex took the first round on points.

Then, Lathwell blossomed, driving well in front of the wicket, while Bowler accumulated steadily. Their partnership of 111 ended when Lathwell elected to paddle rather than hit a full toss from Salisbury, and missed. His 79 out of 122 came from 113 balls, contained nine fours and was *full of good strokes*.

When Bowler became the victim of a dicy call by Harden and Athey's good throw, running in from cover, Somerset had reached 139 for three, lunch beckoned and only 14 overs remained of their innings.

That they made the most of them owned much to a fine partnership of 57 in eight overs between Harden and *Hayhurst, his captain*.

Kenlock's sparkling cup debut

MARK KENLOCK walked off with the gold award on his *Benson and Hedges Cup* debut after helping Surrey coast to a comfortable eight-wicket victory against Ireland at the Oval yesterday.

Kenlock's left-arm swing bowling earned him five for 15 off eight overs as Ireland were skittled out before lunch for *80 runs in 32 overs. Surrey* knocked off the winning runs in an hour and ten minutes, losing Darren Bicknell and Jason Ratcliffe.

Graeme Hick missed out on an opportunity to measure his recovery from a back problem as Worcestershire trounced Scotland by ten wickets with nearly 28 overs to spare at New Road.

Scotland were dismissed for 118 and their investment in Malcolm Marshall, the West Indies fast bowler, was wasted with three missed chances *during* an unbroken partnership of 119 by Tim Curtis and Philip Weston, who both made 54.

Ian *Austin* (four for 8) and Jason Gallian (five for 15) dismantled the Minor Counties to bring Lancashire a nine-wicket victory at Leek. Gallian (9) went to a spectacular catch behind the wicket by Humphries when Lancashire set off in reply, but Mike Atherton (24 not out) and John Crawley saw them to a convincing nine-wicket victory in the 25th over.

Chaka victory dispels doubts about fitness

WILLIAM FOX-PITT and Chaka, his Burghley champion, convincingly won their pre-Badminton section of the Pedigree Chum Cornbury Park Horse Trials in Oxfordshire yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The trials, which attracted most of the sport's top names, provided a significant form guide for Badminton next week. Mandy Stibbe, of Holland, underlined the consistency of her 17-year-old King's Jester by finishing second. Vicky Latta's Chief, aged 16 and on the way to his fifth Badminton, confirmed his return to fitness from a virus by taking third place.

*Fox-Pitt, 26, had been con*cerned earlier this year that Chaka, owned jointly by Sir Michael Turner and his sponsors, Hackett Ltd., had not been "really firing". Yesterday, his worries were dispelled as the 15-year-old gelding galloped round the 24-fence course — made significantly bigger this year — in the fastest time and with a copybook jump over the difficult new corner at fence four.

Mary Thomson, the 1992 Badminton winner, and Mark Todd, of New Zealand, the winner last year, underlined their status as favourites with faultless performances. Thomson finished tenth and sixteenth on *King Kong and Star* Appeal respectively. She will not decide until next week which she will ride at Badminton. Todd had superb rides on his two Belton winners, finishing fourth on Bertie Blunt and first on Just An Ace.

Blueharts struggle but survive play-offs

By Sydney Friskin

BLUEHARTS qualified for the National Hockey League *next season and Crostyx* retained their place, after finishing on top of their respective pools in the inter-league play-offs at Olton yesterday.

The showdown in the morning between Blueharts and Whitchurch ended goalless, leaving Blueharts winners of *pool A on goal difference. Both* sides finished unbeaten, Bluebarts without conceding a goal.

Blueharts, the champions of the Norwich Union East League, transformed an easy match against Whitchurch into a difficult one. With Baxter leading their attacks, they threw away three easy chances in the first half, squandered eight short corners in the second and ran into a spot of trouble late in the game.

Reduced to nine men with Fung and Gorelay under suspension, they nearly conceded a goal from a short corner to Whitchurch, who needed to *win to survive*.

Whitchurch persevered in spite of injuries to Mathias and King, the latter causing a *five-minute* hold-up in the second half.

They still have a chance of retaining their place in the National League if they survive the crossover play-off on *May 13 against City of Portsmouth*, who finished third in pool B after a 4-2 win over Norton in the first match of the morning.

Crostyx emerged undisputed winners of pool B with a 3-0 victory over High Wycombe. Nick Duck, who led most of *the Crostyx* attacks, scored in the twentieth minute, drawing an immediate response from High Wycombe, who forced *two quick short corners*.

High Wycombe's hopes, however, were practically extinguished in the 49th minute, when Morris scored the second goal.

He added the third almost on time. High Wycombe must await the crossover play-off with Olton and West Warwickshire *to have a chance of* playing in the National League.

Norton and Bath Buccaneers, who finished last in their respective pools, will revert to their regional leagues next season.

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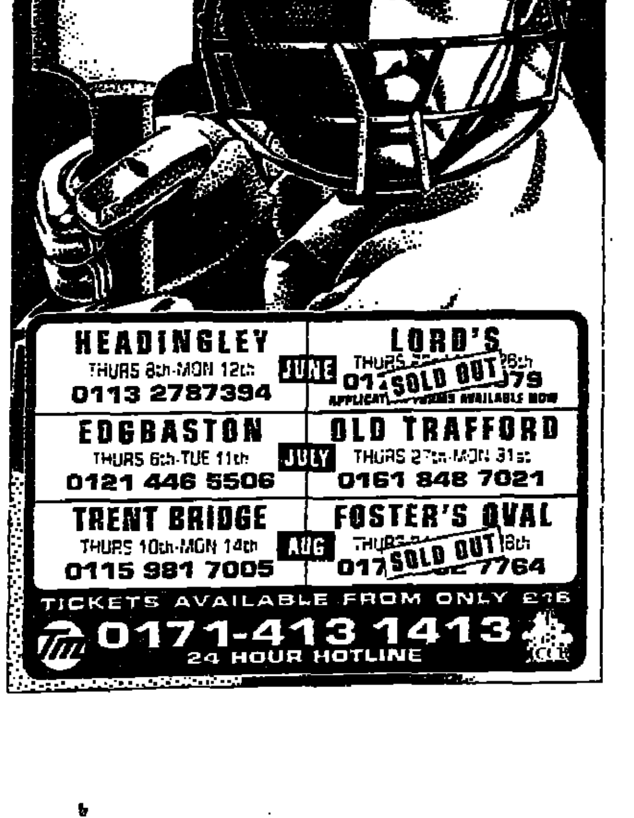

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Fourth-wicket stand of 80 denies Hampshire in Benson and Hedges Cup

Ramprakash and Weekes raise Middlesex spirits

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

LORD'S (Middlesex won the toss): Middlesex (2pts) beat Hampshire by six wickets

MIDDLESEX have fared poorly in knock-out cricket during the 1990s and now have the team to put that right. If they do find their way to a showpiece final in the Benson and Hedges Cup in late summer, however, it is doubtful if this tepid affair, concluded in grim light and persistent drizzle, will spring to the memory. Hampshire made far too few runs and Middlesex made hard work of overhauling them with 3.4 overs to spare.

It was fitting that the two men on whom Middlesex are basing their future, Mark Ramprakash and Paul Weekes, should settle the issue with a fourth-wicket stand of 80 in 17 overs after John Stephenson, making his Hampshire debut, had augmented his 82 by dismissing Gatting and Carr in one over. That was the closest the day came to palpitations. In general, it was a dreary nonentity which should have no place in the county programme.

There is hardly a player in the country who can fathom the wisdom of reviving these group games, which clutter up the fixture programme between now and mid-May. Even the England captain, Michael Atherton, has gone public with his opinion, calling the decision "remarkable", and if Raymond Illingworth was permitted to reorganise not only the national team but also the domestic programme, I suspect this entire, spurious competition would be scrapped without mourning.

This was perhaps the most attractive fixture of the round and it brought a respectable crowd to Lord's, increasingly huddled beneath overcoats as the morning sunshine vanished and the temperatures dropped. New overseas players, for both counties, were among the attractions but this was to be a quiet introduction for both Dion Nash and Heath Streak.

Mike Gatting chose to bowl first and surprisingly held back Nash. The New Zealander has had his problems with fitness and disciplinary matters this winter and his county contract once seemed in doubt. He will doubtless prove a worthy acquisition but looked ring rusty here, as well he might, so it was Fraser and Feltham who maintained order with the new ball.

Ramprakash: prime form

By the time Nash was summoned, announcing himself with an appetising long hop, Stephenson and Terry were confidently embarked on the first of what may be many productive opening stands. They are of similar, phlegmatic temperament and if Stephenson's move from Essex was provoked by personal ambition, it will surely be for the common good of all at Hampshire.

The 94 they put on, from 28 overs, provided a platform that the rest of the order utterly squandered. Once Terry had been bowled, mistiming a sweep in the third over from the perennially demanding but greying Emburey, no other wicket added more than 31, no lower batsman managed even 20. Of these, none will have been more disappointed than Robin Smith.

Discarded by England last summer, the selectors viewing a potential winter contest with Shane Warne as an embarrassing mismatch, Smith has since had more shoulder surgery and undergone a concerted fitness programme. He looks trim and hungry, but falling for 17 to a flailing drive against a wide one from Angus Fraser was not the start to the season he was seeking.

Stephenson, becalmed after lunch, was accelerating menacingly when he was out, bizarrely, to his third reverse sweep in an over from Weekes. Six overs of the innings remained and this was the last moment Hampshire wanted him to depart, especially as they now encountered an impressive second spell from David Follett, who was surprising even himself by making his county debut at the age of 26.

Follett comes from Staffordshire and played for them in minor counties cricket last year. It was not until Follett played on the Lord's Nursery ground against Cross Arrows last autumn that a contract was put his way. Yesterday, with an economical approach, an action reminiscent of South Africa's Snell and an ability to bowl briskish outswing, he was quite a handful.

Gatting, beginning a career as an opener somewhat late in life, made a subdued 38 and Pooley was the assertive half of their partnership. Stephenson's breach briefly tilted the scales but Ramprakash remains in prime form and Weekes looks a cricketer ready to blossom.

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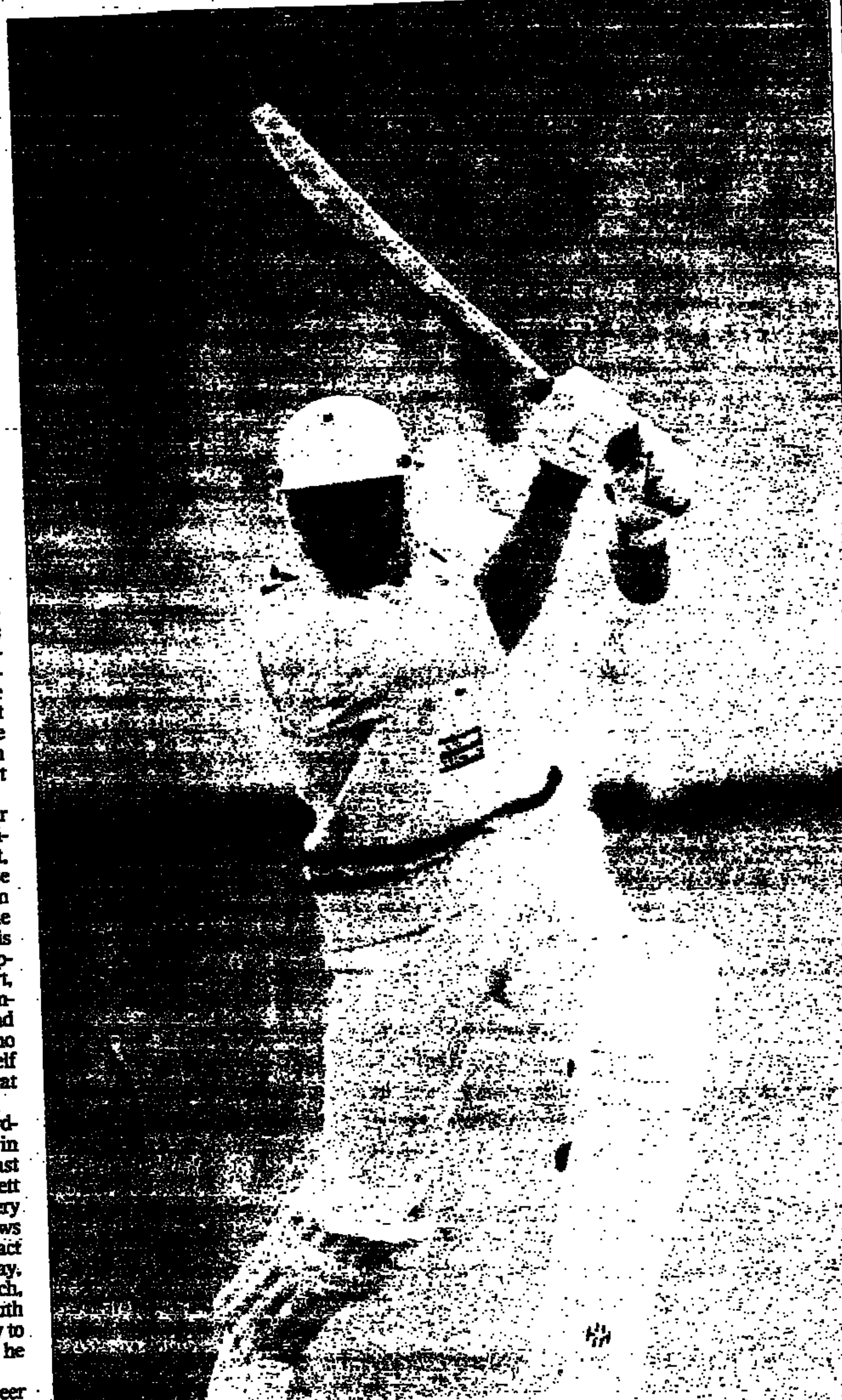

Stephenson hits out on his way to 82 in an impressive all-round debut for Hampshire

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Adams hits form early as Derby ease home

BY IVO TENNANT

DERBY (won the toss): Derbyshire (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets

IT WOULD be simplistic, but not true, to infer that by winning the toss, Derbyshire won this Benson and Hedges match. The conditions were just about as good for batting at the start as they were when Chris Adams was stroking the ball with a rare sense of timing. His 94 off 101 balls brought him the gold award and his side a markedly straightforward victory.

The ball may not always have come on to the bat, but at least the pitch was wholly distinguishable from the rest of the square. Derbyshire held three or four sharp catches and their all-rounders returned the requisite bowling figures for success in the one-day game.

Only Lamb, who collected runs all round the wicket before horribly fetching a ball outside off stump across to mid-on, made a score of note. He has much more to do in the coming months for there is a prevalent feeling that his captaincy of Northamptonshire, due to come to an end in September, has gone on for a season or two too long.

The other important wicket Derbyshire took at this stage of the innings was that of Curran. He was just starting to time the ball when Barnett, having positioned himself at backward point, held a splendid catch falling away to his left. That was 93 for 5 and, although Pemberthy and Capel contributed useful innings, Northamptonshire ultimately had nothing like enough.

They did swiftly take the wicket of Rollins, playing around his front pad, but Adams was soon striking the ball in a manner unexpected so early in the season. The quicker bowlers were driven straight and through the covers. Kumble, who settled for an increasingly quick trajectory, was treated with a singular lack of respect.

Whatever differences Adams has had with his club this winter, they did not affect him now. His captain was quite content to play a quieter innings. Adams struck 14 fours in all, Derbyshire winning with 15 overs remaining.

Remarkable start to Roseberry return

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

STOCKTON (Leicestershire won toss): Durham (2pts) beat Leicestershire by 50 runs

IT IS too soon to say that Mike Roseberry has parted the waves, but there were a few Durham folk last night who thought they had seen something fairly remarkable. The former Middlesex batsman, who has returned to lead his native county, supervised this extraordinary victory by 50 runs. He may well think that captaincy is not all it is cracked up to be.

For two-thirds of the day, right up to tea, it seemed Leicestershire had spoiled his homecoming. They won the toss, made full use of favourable bowling conditions — as Durham lurched to 39 for six — and appeared to be measuring their reply to the 166 needed when Hansie Cronje, their new overseas player, rolled out some superb cover drives in the pale afternoon sun.

The loss of a wicket two overs before tea, and another two overs afterwards, altered the balance significantly and, in the end, Leicestershire went quietly, wondering how on earth they could have thrown victory away. Their lack of care should not detract from Durham's sharp performance in the field and, for that, Roseberry deserves praise.

Mark Saxelby won the Gold Award for his unbeaten 80. Apart from him only Wood, with 27, reached double figures in the Durham innings. Extras, with 26, supplied more runs than the combined efforts of the top five and it took Brown's resistance for 21 overs, as the last pair added 69, to give them a reasonable total to defend.

Brown also bowled a splendid second spell, when he removed Whitticase and Smith, to kick open a door Leicestershire were intent on closing. As Prabhakar had bowled himself out it was Walker that Roseberry chose to complete the win. He did it most emphatically. It was a mighty team effort.

Durham, invited to bat on a pitch and in conditions that offered the quicker bowlers every assistance, were soon in trouble although the shot selection of their senior batsmen was not always appropriate. Larkins, not venturing a stroke, was bowled, and those who followed were hardly less culpable. Morris pulled the first ball from Cronje down the throat of long leg and walked off with a face longer than a day without breakfast. Prabhakar essayed a feeble drive to extra cover and Longley steered one obligingly to gully.

Millns, running in smoothly and bowling a full length, was the wrecker. Briers bowled him through and he retired to the outfield after returning a career-best performance in all forms of one-day cricket of four for 26. His second victim was Roseberry, caught and bowled off a firm drive, the kind of catch bowlers are pleased to take.

After barely an hour's play the game appeared to be over. Surely Durham could not retrieve anything from the mess. Slowly, however, Saxelby and Wood nursed the innings along and, as he grew more confident, Saxelby found the nerve to smite two sixes.

After taking three successive boundaries off Parsons, Wood was bowled, and neither Boiling, Durham's other debutant, nor Walker scored a run. But Brown played a straight bat and Saxelby waved his to considerable effect as the innings went into the 55th over, a notable feat in view of the early events.

Of all the Leicester wickets to fall, Cronje's carried most weight. He was lbw, half forward to Wood, who gave the batsmen little to hit. A word for the groundstaff is in order. They shifted 300 gallons of water from the field in the morning and were paid in kind by their players — eventually.

A shadow of past glories

BY SIMON WILDE

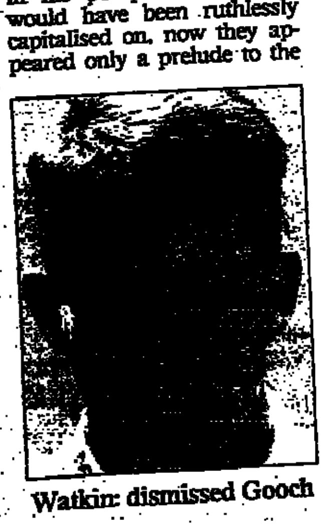
CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Glamorgan (2pts) beat Essex by 28 runs

REVISIONIST historians are glancing in the direction of Essex County Cricket Club and sharpening their pencils. Six championship titles between 1979 and 1992 and a large say in the fortunes of the England team have given way, intriguingly, to the departures of Graham Gooch and Keith Fletcher as national captain and manager amid doubts over their motivational skills and three key players to rival counties. Membership and profits are down and Don Topley, a former player, is scribbling unsavoury tales about the past.

Topley's latest target is Gooch himself, whose leadership skills and decision to accept a second benefit he criticised in a Sunday newspaper. If yesterday's events are anything to go by, Topley, bitter at his release from the club last year, may have the satisfaction of seeing his former team-mates struggle this season and his old captain grapple with diminishing eyesight and coordination.

Essex's lack of bowling penetration was clear as Glamorgan ran up a total of 277 for seven in this Benson and Hedges Cup group C qualifying match, but it was the dismissal of Gooch, dragging a ball from Watkin into his stumps in the seventh over, that set the tone of their reply.

Gooch, as leaden-footed as in Australia, had been beaten several times by Watkin and Lefebvre, and edged one ball at a comfortable height through a first slip area negligently left vacant, but whereas in his pomp these escapes would have been ruthlessly capitalised on, now they appeared only a prelude to the inevitable. Nine overs delivered at a sprightly tempo earlier were a misleading impression of renewed vitality.



Watkin: dismissed Gooch

Prichard, on his first day as Gooch's successor, did his best to hold things together with 92 from 108 balls but was thwarted by brilliant outcricket from Glamorgan. They bowled tightly and took some stunning catches, not least the one-handed leap by Maynard, the acting Glamorgan captain, at mid-on to remove his counterpart.

Maynard led Glamorgan in the absence of Morris, who has been told to rest with a back complaint and whose opener's place was taken by James, who responded with 82 from 106 balls and the gold award. Glamorgan's other leading lights were Hemp, who gave them a flying start during a first-wicket partnership of 58 in 12 overs with James, and Croft, who struck 50 from 42 balls including sixes from the last two balls of the innings.

Essex entered the game only fleetingly. The first time was when Irani removed James and Cottey in successive overs after Such had applied a brake, and they were in contention again when Irani was batting and sharing a fourth-wicket stand of 63 with Prichard. When he was out, Essex wanted 133 from 24 overs but their resourcefulness was found wanting.

Fletcher, who was rumoured to be on the ground yesterday, has had talks with Essex about a return but two obstacles stand in his way. One is that the club has no truck with the position of a manager, the other Gooch's planned retirement next year. Essex may soon have an embarrassment of riches off the field. On it, they look shadows of their former selves.

Warwickshire fold in abject fashion

BY PAT GIBSON

TRENT BRIDGE (Warwickshire won toss): Nottinghamshire (2pts) beat Warwickshire by six runs

LIFE after Lara is not going to be quite the same for Warwickshire. They were resentful at being labelled Larashire last season but their attempt to prove that they are far from being a one-man team could not have got off to a worse start as they began their defence of the first of their three trophies.

They had every chance of making an early point when they restricted Nottinghamshire to 230 for six and then cruised to 172 for two but, faced with the apparent formality of scoring 59 off 11 overs they somehow contrived to lose their last eight wickets for 52.

It cannot have done much for their confidence after their innings defeat by England A last week and now it will be interesting to see how quickly Dermot Reeve, the ever optimistic captain and Phil Neale, their new director of coaching, can get the show back on the road.

They were also without Tim Munton, whose wickets were almost as great an inspiration as Lara's runs, but that had nothing to do with their undignified collapse.

Small and Donald bowled demanding early spells so that Munton, who has had a back operation and will not play for several weeks, was not badly missed as Nottinghamshire struggled to 50 for the loss of Robinson, caught at mid-wicket off Reeve, and Pollard, run out by Small's through going for an improbable second run.

What impetus there was came in a third-wicket partnership of 68 in 16 overs between Archer and Johnson, who launched his benefit year with a characteristically pugnacious 70 not out, although he was fortunate not to be run out for 42. There was no doubt that he was out of his ground when Twose threw from square leg but in the process he knocked over the umpire, Mervyn Kitchen.

It did not seem to matter when Moles and Ostler overcame the early loss of Knight by putting on 113 in 30 overs. Ostler, timing the ball well, made 87, hitting two sixes and ten fours and Moles 51 and there seemed to be no reason why Warwickshire should not coast to victory until Ostler driving at Evans, was caught at mid-wicket by the substitute, Hindson.

Evans struck the decisive blows, yorking Reeve and bowling Twose in the final over after he had made a brave effort to win the match with a gallant 54.

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Benson and Hedges Cup

Derbyshire v Northamptonshire

DERBY (Derbyshire won toss). Derbyshire beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham b Malcolm	0
M B Loye c Krikken b Warner	2
R J Bailey c Cork b DeFreitas	10
*A J Lamb c Barnett b Wells	41
K M Curran c Barnett b Cork	22
†R J Warren run out	23
D J Capel lbw b Malcolm	23
A L Penberthy lbw b DeFreitas	25
A Kumble c DeFreitas b Malcolm	3
J G Hughes c Krikken b Malcolm	2
J P Taylor not out	4
Extras (lb 12, w 8, nb 4)	24
Total (53.1 overs)	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-10, 3-46, 4-86, 5-93, 6-129, 7-145, 8-159, 9-164

BOWLING Malcolm 11-1-50-4, Warner 11-1-31-1; DeFreitas 10.1-0-28-2; Cork 11-0-40-1; Wells 10-1-18-1.

DERBYSHIRE

*K J Barnett not out	58
A S Rollins lbw b Hughes	4
C J Adams c Fordham b Hughes	94
D J Cullinan not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 9, nb 6)	23
Total (2 wkts, 39.5 overs)	180

T J G O'Gorman, D G Cork, P A J DeFreitas, C M Wells, †K M Krikken, A E Warner and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-174.

BOWLING Taylor 5-0-24-0; Hughes 7.5-1-47-2; Penberthy 9-3-17-0; Capel 5-0-18-0. Kumble 9-0-40-0; Curran 4-0-26-0

Gold award: C J Adams.

Umpires J D Bond and K J Lyons

Durham v Leicestershire

STOCKTON (Leicestershire won toss) Durham beat Leicestershire by 50 runs

DURHAM

*M A Roseberry c and b Millns	6
W Larkins b Millns	2
M Prabhakar c Smith b Millns	7
J E Morris c Robinson b Cronje	6
J I Longley c Wells b Cronje	3
M Saxelby not out	80
†C W Scott lbw b Millns	0
J Wood b Parsons	27
J Boiling c Pierson b Wells	0
A Walker c Wells b Parsons	0
S J E Brown run out	8
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 15)	26
Total (54.2 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-14, 3-29, 4-35, 5-37, 6-39, 7-91, 8-94, 9-96

BOWLING Mullally 10-0-30-0; Millns 11-3-26-4, Cronje 11-0-26-2; Parsons 11-2-38-2. Wells 3-0-9-1: Pierson 8.2-1-25-0

LEICESTERSHIRE

V J Wells run out	26
*N E Briers b Prabhakar	13
W J Cronje lbw b Wood	22
J J Whitaker c Larkins b Walker	2
P E Robinson b Prabhakar	13
B F Smith c Scott b Brown	14
†P Whitticase lbw b Brown	0
G J Parsons c Prabhakar b Boiling	4
A R K Pierson not out	10
D J Millns lbw b Walker	1
A D Mullally lbw b Walker	0
Extras (lb 5, w 5)	10
Total (44.4 overs)	115

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-53, 3-56, 4-79, 5-85, 6-92, 7-99, 8-114, 9-115.

BOWLING. Prabhakar 11-2-36-2; Brown 9-3-23-2; Walker 7.4-0-22-3; Wood 11-2-20-1; Saxelby 2-0-3-0, Boiling 4-1-6-1

Gold award. M Saxelby.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A G T Whitehead.

Essex v Glamorgan

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss) Glamorgan beat Essex by 28 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James lbw b Irani	82
D L Hemp lbw b Irani	29
*M P Maynard c Williams b Such	25
P A Cottey c Such b Irani	25
A Dale c Cousins b Such	17
R D B Croft not out	50
G P Butcher lbw b Such	0
R P Lefebvre run out	4
†C P Metson not out	10
Extras (lb 19, w 6, nb 10)	35
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	277

S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-98, 3-189, 4-194, 5-229, 6-229, 7-243.

BOWLING: Ilott 11-0-62-0, Williams 6-0-44-0, Irani 11-2-48-3, Such 11-2-27-3: Cousins 7-0-44-0: Gooch 9-0-33-0

ESSEX

G A Gooch b Watkin	21
*P J Prichard c Maynard b Croft	92
J J B Lewis b Lefebvre	10
N Hussain c Metson b Lefebvre	10
R C Irani lbw b Dale	26
D D J Robinson lbw b Dale	14
†M A Garnham c Metson b Watkin	24
M C Ilott b Lefebvre	21
N F Williams c Croft b Watkin	3
P M Such c and b Dale	0
D M Cousins not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 7, nb 2)	16
Total (52.2 overs)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-82, 3-82, 4-145, 5-167, 6-207, 7-211, 8-221, 9-221.

BOWLING. Watkin 11-0-56-3. Lefebvre 9.2-0-42-3: Croft 11-0-53-1, Barwick 10-1-43-0: Dale 11-1-48-3

Gold award. S P James.

Umpires. R A White and P B Wight

Gloucestershire v Combined Universities

BRISTOL (Combined Universities won toss): Gloucestershire beat Combined Universities by 126 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright c Spiring b MacRobert	13
T H C Hancock c Peirce b MacRobert	32
M A Lynch c Edwards b Whittall	28
R I Dawson c Batty b Whittall	9
M W Alleyne c Killeen b Renshaw	34
A Symonds c Renshaw b Edwards	95
R C Russell not out	29
J Srinath c Whittall b MacRobert	1
M C J Ball c Edwards b Killeen	2
K E Cooper c MacRobert b Killeen	6
A M Smith not out	1
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 6)	9
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	259

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-54, 3-83, 4-86, 5-201, 6-237, 7-239, 8-245, 9-257

BOWLING. Renshaw 11-3-43-1, Edwards 11-2-65-1, MacRobert 11-2-51-3: Killeen 11-0-50-2; Whittall 11-1-49-2

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES

*G I MacMillan lbw b Alleyne	36
M T E Peirce lbw b Cooper	19
I G S Steer lbw b Ball	3
K R Spiring lbw b Srinath	2
M Harvey lbw b Srinath	0
†J N Batty b Ball	11
A D MacRobert c Alleyne b Ball	6
N Killeen b Smith	4
A Edwards not out	7
A R Whittall c and b Srinath	21
S J Renshaw lbw b Srinath	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 5, nb 8)	24
Total (10 wkts, 43.3 overs)	133

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-50, 2-74, 3-75, 4-76, 5-79, 6-96, 7-96, 8-103, 9-133.

BOWLING: Srinath 10.3-2-33-4. Smith 11-2-26-1. Cooper 5-1-20-1; Alleyne 6-0-17-1. Ball 11-4-26-3.

Gold award. A Symonds.

Umpires: T E Jesty and R Julian.

Middlesex v Hampshire

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss). Middlesex beat Hampshire by six wickets

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry b Emburey	43
J P Stephenson c Feltham b Weekes	82
R A Smith c Brown b Fraser	17
*M C J Nicholas lbw b Weekes	3
P R Whitaker b Nash	5
†A N Aymes c Brown b Follett	12
H H Streak run out	18
K D James b Follett	2
S D Udal not out	6
M J Thursfield not out	0
Extras (lb 14, w 4, nb 2)	20
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	208

C A Connor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-94, 2-118, 3-131, 4-141, 5-172, 6-174, 7-199, 8-203.

BOWLING Fraser 9-1-21-1; Feltham 5-1-18-0, Weekes 10-0-38-2, Nash 11-2-43-1. Follett 11-1-44-2, Emburey 9-2-29-1

MIDDLESEX

*M W Gatting lbw b Stephenson	38
J C Pooley c Terry b James	42
M R Ramprakash not out	52
J D Carr lbw b Stephenson	0
P N Weekes c and b Streak	46
†K R Brown not out	8
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 15, nb 2)	26
Total (4 wkts, 51.3 overs)	212

D J Nash, J E Emburey, M A Feltham, A R C Fraser and D Follett did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-113, 3-113, 4-193.

BOWLING: Streak 11-0-41-1; Connor 8-2-26-0: Udal 11-0-38-0: Thursfield 6-1-25-0; James 5-1-23-1; Stephenson 9-1-33-2: Whitaker 1-0-13-0; Nicholas 0.3-0-4-0.

Gold award: J P Stephenson.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and K E Palmer

Minor Counties v Lancashire

LEEK (Lancashire won toss). Lancashire beat Minor Counties by nine wickets

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean lbw b Austin	6
R J Evans lbw b Austin	0
M J Roberts c Watkinson b Flintoff	20
*I Cockbain c Hegg b Austin	8
S D Myles lbw b Austin	0
D R Thomas c Hegg b Gallian	2
†M I Humphries b Gallian	14
P G Newman c Hegg b Gallian	2
R A Evans c Austin b Gallian	0
K A Arnold b Gallian	0
M A Sharp not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 10)	18
Total (35.5 overs)	70

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-2, 2-11, 3-25, 4-29, 5-37, 6-53, 7-61, 8-64, 9-64

BOWLING Martin 6-2-12-0; Austin 9-6-8-4, Watkinson 6-1-17-0; Gallian 8.5-3-15-5; Flintoff 6-2-10-1

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton not out	24
J E R Gallian c Humphries b Arnold	9
J P Crawley not out	31
Extras (w 5, nb 2)	7
Total (1 wkt, 24.1 overs)	71

N H Fairbrother, A Flintoff, G D Lloyd, *M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, G Yates and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-24

BOWLING Newman 7-2-11-0, Sharp 6-1-18-0. Arnold 8-1-18-1; Thomas 2-0-22-0; R A Evans 1.1-0-2-0.

Gold award: I D Austin

Umpires. G I Burgess and V A Holder.

Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire

NOTTINGHAM (Warwickshire won toss) Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by six runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard run out	18
*R T Robinson c Twose b Reeve	21
G F Archer c Twose b Smith	37
P Johnson not out	70
C L Cairns c Moles b Donald	17
C C Lewis c Twose b Donald	8
†W M Noon b Welch	23
K P Evans not out	5
Extras (lb 8, w 19, nb 4)	31
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	230

G W Mike, R A Pick and J A Afford did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-39, 2-50, 3-118, 4-149, 5-165, 6-224

BOWLING. Donald 11-2-39-2. Small 11-1-21-0. Reeve 11-2-34-1. Welch 10-0-66-1; Smith 9-0-42-1, Twose 3-0-20-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles b Cairns	51
N V Knight lbw b Lewis	3
D P Ostler c sub b Evans	87
R G Twose b Cairns	54
T L Penney run out	8
*D A Reeve b Evans	0
G Welch c sub b Lewis	1
N M K Smith b Evans	1
†K J Piper run out	6
G C Small not out	0
A A Donald c Lewis b Cairns	0
Extras (lb 2, w 11)	13
Total (10 wkts, 54.5 overs)	224

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-122, 3-172, 4-198, 5-198, 6-202, 7-203, 8-224, 9-224

BOWLING. Lewis 11-2-38-2. Evans 10-1-35-3; Pick 7-0-36-0. Mike 10-2-41-0; Afford 10-1-42-0, Cairns 6.5-0-30-3

Gold award K P Evans.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B J Meyer

Somerset v Sussex

TAUNTON (Sussex won toss): Somerset beat Sussex by 54 runs

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell b Salisbury	74
M E Trescothick c Moores b Giddins	0
P D Bowler run out	52
R J Harden run out	50
*A N Hayhurst b Stephenson	25
G D Rose c Lenham b Giddins	1
Mushtaq Ahmed c Greenfield b Stephenson	4
†R J Turner not out	11
A R Caddick not out	10
Extras (lb 2, w 10, nb 2)	14
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	241

J I D Kerr and H R J Trump did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-9, 2-120, 3-139, 4-196, 5-199, 6-206, 7-229.

BOWLING Giddins 9-3-30-2. Stephenson 10-0-47-2; Remy 5-0-21-0, Jarvis 10-0-66-0, Salisbury 11-1-35-1; Greenfield 10-0-40-0.

SUSSEX

C W J Athey c Trescothick b Mushtaq	38
J W Hall c Turner b Caddick	30
K Greenfield c Harden b Trump	9
*A P Wells lbw b Mushtaq	0
N J Lenham b Mushtaq	11
F D Stephenson c Harden b Rose	45
†P Moores c Turner b Trump	3
C C Remy lbw b Mushtaq	3
I D K Salisbury b Kerr	17
P W Jarvis c Lathwell b Kerr	2
E S H Giddins not out	0
Extras (lb 8, w 15, nb 6)	29
Total (46 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS 1-62, 2-93, 3-93, 4-93, 5-107, 6-117, 7-137, 8-172, 9-186

BOWLING: Caddick 8-1-27-1, Rose 8-1-35-1; Kerr 8-0-35-2; Mushtaq Ahmed 11-4-29-4, Trump 11-1-53-2

Gold award Mushtaq Ahmed

Umpires: P Willey and G Sharp

Surrey v Ireland

THE OVAL (Ireland won toss) Surrey beat Ireland by eight wickets

IRELAND

S J S Warke c Stewart b M P Bicknell	3
M V Narasimha Rao lbw b Pigott	14
*D A Lewis c Stewart b Kenlock	1
J D R Benson lbw b Hollioake	10
G D Harrison c Stewart b Hollioake	17
U Graham run out	14
J D Curry not out	11
G Cooke lbw b Kenlock	0
†B R Millar lbw b Kenlock	0
C J Hoey c Stewart b Kenlock	0
O F X Butler lbw b Kenlock	0
Extras (lb 4, w 4, nb 2)	10
Total (32 overs)	80

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-11, 3-29, 4-35, 5-66, 6-70, 7-76, 8-76, 9-80

BOWLING M P Bicknell 7-2-14-1; Kenlock 8-3-15-5; Hollioake 8-0-30-2, Pigott 6-2-5-1, Nowell 3-0-12-0

SURREY

D J Bicknell c and b Cooke	10
J D Ratcliffe b Hoey	14
*†A J Stewart not out	26
A D Brown not out	6
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 12, nb 4)	25
Total (2 wkts, 17.1 overs)	81

D M Ward, A J Hollioake, Nadeem Shahid, R W Nowell, M P Bicknell, A C S Pigott and S G Kenlock did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-51

BOWLING. Butler 7-1-27-0, Cooke 5-0-21-1, Hoey 3.1-1-8-1, Naresimha Rao 2-0-16-0.

Gold award. S G Kenlock.

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews

Worcestershire v Scotland

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss) Worcestershire beat Scotland by ten wickets

SCOTLAND

S T Crawley c Radford b Moody	[illegible]
*A C Stone c Moody b Lampitt	[illegible]
G N Reifer c Rhodes b Newport	[illegible]
M J Smith c Rhodes b Radford	[illegible]
G B J McGurk c Haynes b Lampitt	[illegible]
M D Marshall b Radford	[illegible]
J G Williamson lbw b Radford	[illegible]
I M Stanger c Rhodes b Lampitt	[illegible]
†D J Haggo not out	[illegible]
P D Steindl b Lampitt	[illegible]
K Thomson b Illingworth	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2, nb 6)	[illegible]
Total (53.1 overs)	118

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-3, 2-16, 3-30, 4-[illegible], 5-54, 6-56, 7-73, 8-79, 9-83

BOWLING: Newport 11-2-27-1, Moody 7-3-10-1. Radford 11-3-23-3, Lampitt 11-[illegible]-24-4, Illingworth 10.1-3-19-1, Haynes 3-0-8-0

WORCESTERSHIRE

W P C Weston not out	54
*T S Curtis not out	54
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 8)	11
Total (no wkt, 27.1 overs)	119

T M Moody, G A Hick, G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, C M Church, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, R K Illingworth and N V Radford did not bat.

BOWLING: Marshall 7-1-19-0; Stanger 6.1-0-22-0, Steindl 4-0-17-0, Thomson 7-0-46-0; Reifer 3-0-13-0

Gold award: N V Radford

Umpires: J H Harris and J C Balderstone.

Wolverhampton lack necessary killer instinct

Taylor: frustrating day

Peter Ball watches Sheffield United equalise twice in

a 3-3 draw marred by an after-match confrontation

FOR around 95 minutes on Saturday, Sheffield United and Wolverhampton Wanderers played out a wonderful, nail-biting match, a great advertisment for the Endsleigh Insurance League. Then came the aftermath.

The man in the blue anorak spat in the face of Graham Taylor and of football. The Wolverhampton manager marched into the crowd to confront him and the game was forgotten.

"It was a very good 3-3 draw: entertaining football, high emotions," Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, said, even though it confined his team to the first division for another season, "but that despicable act is what's going to make the headlines."

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has been protesting all season that the abuse suffered by his players has increased in volume and intensity. It is apparently not just United's problem.

"Everywhere you go, the abuse you get is disgraceful," Bassett said. "I can cope with that, Graham can cope with that; but to have somebody spit in your face is the lowest form of filth."

"It has got worse," Taylor said. "There is more nastiness about it."

Where is the breaking point? At Crystal Palace in February, a volatile Frenchman in an emotional state after being sent off cracked under the abuse. On Saturday, Dean Richards ignored being spat upon; but a former England manager found a faceful of phlegm to be the final insult and went into the crowd to try to perform a citizen's arrest, Sheffield United's stewards seeing no evil.

"I've been spat at, I know it's not pleasant, but I never reacted in that way," Tom Broomhead, the Sheffield United safety officer, a former policeman, said afterwards. "In actual fact, our stewards took Graham Taylor out of the crowd because he could, by his actions, have provoked a far worse incident than what we saw."

Had he done so, would the Football Association have jumped on Taylor rather than on the club and its supporters? "What Cantona did was wrong; but, if players or managers react, they are an easy target for the authorities to pick on," Taylor said.

It was a frustrating afternoon all round for Taylor, who saw his side lose its lead deep into injury time. To add to the frustration, the scorer of Sheffield's second equaliser was Jostein Flo, the big Norway international coming on as substitute to frustrate Taylor once again.

With Middlesbrough also only drawing in South Yorkshire, three points would have put Wolverhampton in a strong position to claim the automatic promotion spot. As it was, Reading were the only winners in the top eight.

"It's a division nobody wants to win," Taylor said. "We've now scored 11 goals in our past four away games, which should produce two or three wins, but we've taken only three points."

On Saturday, after Sheffield United's fine opening, Wolverhampton looked set to put that right. Venus brought down Veart for the penalty that gave Sheffield the lead, but, from that inauspicious beginning, he went on to have a fine match, probing passes and crosses exposing Sheffield's shortcomings.

Age and operations have taken the sharp edge off Bull's speed, but he still has his nose for goal and, as Richards overlapped down the left with rare effect, he equalised. Goodman and the impressive Kelly twice put Wolverhampton ahead, but they were found wanting in the air as first Foran and then Flo claimed equalisers. Like Wolverhampton, the draw was of little use to United.

"We've had it," Bassett said. "We've let ourselves down. Our attitude going out against the Stokes, Burnleys and Notts Countys was we thought we were Billy Big Time and all we had to do was turn up. Now they know they're Billy Small Time, because they'll be in the first division again next season."

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-3-3): A Kelly — D Tuttle, M Foran, R Nilsen, P Beesley — P Rogers, G Hodges, D Whitehouse (sub: K Black, 52min) — C Veart (sub: J Flo, 70), N Blake, A Scott.
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): M Stowell — P Blades (sub: A Thompson, 78), P Shirtliff, D Richards, M Venus — D Goodman, M Rankine, G Cowans, R Dennison — S Bull, D Kelly.
Referee: N Barry

McMahon resigns himself to relegation

Sunderland 1
Swindon Town 0

By Michael Henderson

STEVE McMAHON might easily have marked his first season in management by taking Swindon Town to Wembley. Instead, he will have to rebuild the team in the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League, unless results make fools of everyone. He is resigned to relegation and is already making plans for next season.

In order to stay up, Swindon must win their last three games and hope that Sunderland lose their remaining two. It is not really on. Sunderland claimed victory in an abysmal match by virtue of a 43rd-minute volley by Martin Smith, and hung on towards the end as Swindon tried to claw the goal back.

Sunderland have done well at Swindon's expense. Five years ago, they were promoted when Swindon, who had beaten them in the play-off final, were demoted for financial impropriety. It is hard to recall that Sunderland were a first division side as recently as 1991, almost as hard as it is to remember that Swindon belonged to the FA Carling Premiership this time last year.

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In the long run, McMahon is likely to have as much chance of restoring the club's fortunes as Peter Reid, who succeeded Mick Buxton at Roker last month. What on earth possessed Reid to go there, other than to rejoin the wacky world of football management whatever the cost, is hard to define. Trapped between the new clubs emerging at Newcastle United and Middlesbrough, Sunderland is a club that time forgot.

They have not helped themselves down the years and, when they buy players like Brett Angell, they will not easily find sympathy. It was Buxton's last act as manager to sign him and it bears the stamp of a desperate man. A price of £600,000 was about £599,000 too much.

Angell has not scored in six matches and never looked like breaking his duck on Saturday. The crowd, no doubt nonplussed, were kind towards him, but they will not carry on making excuses on his behalf if he continues to play like a chump. True, he struck the post with a volley in the first half. Overall, his performance was almost comically poor.

If there was a decent pass in the whole match, it was not evident. In this sort of contest, when points won and lost add up to likely survival and probable relegation, it is asking a lot for the teams to play with entirely clear heads. Nevertheless, one expects players to retain certain basic skills. Clearly, we expect too much.

Sunderland were just about worth their win, if only because they defended the goal that Smith gave them. Robinson committed the foul on Smith that was the source of the goal, collecting a booking for his pains, so there was an aptness about it.

Digby, in the Swindon goal, saved well from Michael Gray (a swifter, better-weighted pass by Angell would have allowed the goalkeeper less time) and outstandingly from the same player when he deflected a volley over the bar. Norman was less busy.

McMahon is under no illusions, which is the first step towards the transformation that he needs to effect. He has already put Joey Beauchamp, Andy Mutch and Brian Kilcline on the transfer-list.

"Others will follow and it will be my team that turns out next season," he said. Swindon ought really to have taken better care of themselves this season, for there are inferior teams in the division.

He may be a new boy in the world of management, but McMahon has already mastered the grammar. "We come out all guns blazing," he said after the game. "They give it their best shot." By the time that he has brought Swindon back up, he may have discovered the past tense, but do not bank on it.

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Norman — D Kubicki, A Melville, R Ord (sub: A Smith, 25min), M Scott — Michael Gray, Martin Gray, B Atkinson, M Smith — B Angell, P Gray
SWINDON TOWN (5-3-2): F Digby — M Robinson, A Viveash, S Taylor, A Todd (sub: C Hamon, 55), K Horlock — L Nijholt, M Ling, W O'Sullivan (sub: D Hooper, 70) — P Thorne, T Gooden
Referee: T West

SIMON WILKINSON

Pollock, of Middlesbrough, leaps over Redfearn, of Barnsley, during the 1-1 draw at a wet and muddy Oakwell

Robson reserves judgment

Barnsley 1
Middlesbrough 1

By Pat Gibson

BRYAN ROBSON will reserve judgment on his first season in football management for another week or two. "I will probably be able to tell you how well it's gone after the next two games," the former England captain said after this gruelling slog in an Oakwell quagmire had left his Middlesbrough side needing to beat Luton Town at home and Tranmere Rovers away to be sure of automatic promotion. Two points lost rather than one gained, he called it.

The conditions did not help. One end of the ground is derelict, the other open to the elements. With half of the main stand under reconstruction, two-thirds of the crowd were soaked to the skin and chilled long before kick-off time. Then there was the pitch. Water splashed around the players' ankles and every missed tackle left them sliding yards on their backsides in a plume of spray.

In the circumstances, the teams produced a game of surprising quality. Middlesbrough, big, strong and purposeful, looked every inch the side that has been at the top of the first division for the past 17 weeks. Yet Barnsley, who have not given up hope of reaching the play-offs, showed why they have kept snapping at the leaders' heels by persisting with their clever passing game even in such appalling conditions.

Both sides were without their player-managers, Robson nursing a calf injury and Danny Wilson sitting out a one-match suspension, but they had able deputies to keep everyone up to scratch. Malcolm Shotton, the Barnsley reserve team coach, was at the heart of their defence because Taggart, their Northern Ireland international, is injured, while Viv Anderson, Robson's deputy since walking out on Barnsley last summer, did the same for Middlesbrough because Pearson is recovering from concussion.

Younger men like Watson, the impressive England under-21 international goalkeeper at Barnsley, and Pollock, the muscular midfield driving force at Middlesbrough, probably accounted for the presence of Alex Ferguson, Kenny Dalglish and Howard Wilkinson. They could not have failed to be impressed by the goal with which Middlesbrough took the lead in the 38th minute.

Fjortoft, the Norway international who looks a bargain at £1.3 million, did not seem to pose too great a threat when he received the ball to the right of the Barnsley penalty area, but he dragged it away from Davis before looping a left-foot shot over Watson into the far corner of the net.

Barnsley, totally committed, equalised six minutes into the second half when Davis floated the ball over the Middlesbrough defence and Liddell met it perfectly to head just inside Miller's near post.

Both sides could have won the game in the closing stages, Pollock thundering a close-range volley against the bar and Liddell being denied by a wonderful save from Miller, but a draw was the least both sides deserved.

Robson was disappointed, but, if it is any consolation, Wilson said: "Middlesbrough were my choice for the championship at the beginning of the season and I haven't changed my views at all. They're strong, they are committed and they have got class in different departments. I think they'll win the title and hold their own in the Premiership very well."

BARNSLEY (3-5-2): D Watson — S Davis, G Fleming, M Shotton — N Eaden, M Bullock, B O'Connell, N Redfearn, D Sheridan — A Payton, A Liddell (sub: G Hurst, 80min).
MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): A Miller — N Cox, V Anderson, S Vickers, C Morris — C Blackmore, J Pollock, G Kavanagh, A Moore — J Fjortoft, J Hendrie.
Referee: G Cain

Scots ask where have all the strikers gone?

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

Forwards are renowned for their quick reactions, but nobody would have anticipated the burst of rapid-fire candour from Duncan Shearer on Saturday. The Aberdeen player, 32, chatted for only a few minutes as the Scotland squad gathered to prepare for the European championship tie in San Marino on Wednesday, yet, during that conversation, he admitted that he does not think he will even be included in the party should his country reach the finals in England next year.

Shearer reasons that Aberdeen are likely to be relegated and a season in the Bell's Scottish League first division comprehensively disqualifies anyone from international contention. He was far from depressed by his own prognosis. The striker regards the four caps won so late in his career as a windfall rather than a right. It had previously been Shearer's belief that he would contribute to Scotland's cause only by buying a ticket for international matches.

On Wednesday, he is likely to be partnered in attack by John McGinlay, 31, of Bolton Wanderers. The pair both grew up in the Highland village of Caol, near Fort William, and each man was among the supporters who made a ribald odyssey to the World Cup finals of the Eighties. The two forwards have now completed the far greater journey from the stands to the pitch.

Shearer, disarmingly frank, recognises, however, that the romance of it all is really a symptom of blight. In a normal era, he and McGinlay would have remained in their seats. Each has performed creditably for Scotland, but men from their background rarely play for their country. McGinlay did not even enter league football until, at 24, he joined Shrewsbury Town, while Shearer discovered, in 1988, what it is to be relegated to the third division with Huddersfield Town.

It is natural that they should sometimes sound like men who expect to be relieved of their Scotland duties at any moment. Injuries only partly explain the opportunities they have been given. As Shearer inquired: "Where are all the strikers aged between 20 and 30?" The answer is a tedious recitation of talents that have gone astray or never emerged at all.

At Aberdeen, Eoin Jess mostly sits on the substitutes' bench while 11 other players struggle for survival in the premier division. Duncan Ferguson may just be learning with Everton to make the sort of impact that does not get you into trouble with the police. All the same, Craig Brown, the national team's manager, will hardly be counting on him.

Gerry Creaney, of Portsmouth, might have been in the squad this week, but fractured his cheekbone in an incident that occurred while he was breaking club regulations by celebrating his birthday with a night out on a Thursday. In the circumstances, Brown must be overwhelmed by a desire to embrace Shearer and McGinlay in gratitude whenever he catches sight of the pair.

"Where is the next Ally McCoist coming from?" the Aberdeen forward asked, but this may not really have been the right question. McCoist is a Rangers phenomenon, but not, at international level, a great player. In fact, Scotland have not had a forward capable of real damage in the upper levels of international football since Maurice Johnston was at his peak six years ago. Following the Old Firm's cash trail leads you to the conclusion that there are no Scottish players in the premier division who are ever likely to reach those standards. Both Rangers and Celtic shop for their strikers on the Continent.

Meanwhile, back home, Brown is left staring at the same old empty shelves. When will stocks arrive? The country teems with coaching initiatives, but the Scottish Football Association would do well to concentrate on courses for wannabe strikers. At present, the country appears to be bedevilled with children who dream of being rugged defenders or sedate midfield players.

The small cadre of men available to Brown who prefer the hardships and glories found in the opposition's penalty area are to be prized. In fact, Shearer could be entirely wrong to suppose that he will have next summer off.

Tension builds at Walsall

Russell Kempson

finds nerves fraying

despite a 2-0 victory

over Wigan Athletic

AS THE Endsleigh Insurance League third division reaches a climax on May 6, in its annual ritual of agony and ecstasy, there is every likelihood that anybody with the slightest affection towards Walsall will be sitting at home in a state of utter helplessness. Tuning into Radio Five Live, or staring blankly at Ceefax for 90 minutes, will only add to the excruciating wait. Walsall's fate, most probably, will lie in the hands of others.

It is an unhealthy and unfair affair, in which the more uglier facts of social and recreational life have conspired to force Walsall to play their last match of the season, away to Scarborough, on May 2 — four days before the rest of the division finally sorts itself out. Scarborough police decreed that football in their town and on a Bank Holiday was a potentially lethal cocktail that they could do without. So the date was changed. No argument.

Thus, the players, officials, supporters and even closet admirers of Walsall will either listen or watch in glazed trepidation, or seek other forms of less soul destroying distraction, at 3pm on May 6, when their future is likely to be decided by Chesterfield at home to Colchester United or, possibly, Bury at home to Darlington — when Chesterfield and Bury, quite unreasonably, may be afforded the luxury of knowing exactly what is required of them to sneak into the second division.

At the Bescot Stadium on Saturday, in the mighty shadow of the monstrous M6, Walsall disposed of Wigan Athletic, amid almost arctic conditions, to creep within one point of Chesterfield. Bury are a further three points back. Each club has three games left in which to secure the second automatic promotion slot alongside Carlisle United, the champions-elect.

The numbing cold, driving rain and biting gale had blunted Walsall's first half progress. It also contributed to casualties aplenty, with Gibson, formally of Aston Villa and Manchester United fame, retiring early with a pulled hamstring, and Alan Dawson, the referee, giving up the ghost during the interval with a calf strain. Farnworth, the Wigan goalkeeper, had departed in the 43rd minute after Wilson slid into him on the quagmire and accidentally, yet graphically, tattooed his right cheek with a set of stud marks.

Smartly taken and similarly executed second-half goals from O'Connor, the irrepressible Walsall captain, and from Lightbourne, the Bermuda international, who took his seasonal tally to 26, ultimately rubber-stamped Walsall's superiority. Justice prevailed, but will it on May 6?

WALSALL (4-4-2): T Wood — D Evans, C Palmer, S Ryder, C Gibson (sub: D Rogers, 52min) — C Ntamark, D Peer, M O'Connor, S Houghton — K Wilson, K Lightbourne.
WIGAN ATHLETIC (4-3-3): S Farnworth (sub: M Statham, 43) — M Carragher, C Miller, J Robertson, J Whitney — I Kilford, A Farrell (sub: M Millett, 73), N Rimmer — D McKearney, M Leonard, A Lyons.
Referee: A Dawson (sub: J [illegible], 45).

Burnley seethe at the injustice of their lot

Burnley 1
Portsmouth 2

By Keith Pike

IT DOES not come much colder or more depressing than this for Burnley supporters. Not just the fact of going down a division, but for what is perceived as the plain unfairness of it all. Relegation and resentment went hand in hand at Turf Moor on Saturday.

A 15-minute drive away, the imposing new stadium at Ewood Park stands mocking, a monument to the unanswerable power of unlimited money. Blackburn Rovers prepare for their coronation as England's champions, Burnley for life back in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division from whence they came last season. If only the object of Jack Walker's desire and £55 million had stood ten miles east along the M65, it could all have been so different. Inevitably, there were calls for the head of Jimmy Mullen, the Burnley manager, after the defeat that cut their lifeline and preserved Portsmouth's status, but, after two promotions in the three previous seasons, the club will stand by him for now.

That said, Mullen has much work to do. Burnley lacked discipline and intelligence on Saturday. Durnin's penalty and Symons's solo effort rewarded the visitors' superiority before Eyres replied and Hoyland became the thirteenth Burnley player to be sent off this season. Perhaps the frustration of an unequal battle with their neighbours is getting to the players as well.

BURNLEY (4-4-2): M Beresford — G Parkinson, S Davis, M Winstanley, C Vinnicombe — E McMinn, A Randall, J Hoyland, D Eyres — A Philliskirk (sub: K Nogan, 64min), P Shaw (sub: L Robinson, 64)
PORTSMOUTH (5-3-2): A Knight — R Pethick, J Gittens, G Butters, K Symons, L Russell — J Durnin (sub: B Kristensen, 90), A McLoughlin, J Rees — D Burton, P Hall (sub: P Radosavljevic, 82)
Referee: J Rushton

Huddersfield lack desire

Alyson Rudd reports

from Gay Meadow on

a deserved 2-1 victory

for Shrewsbury Town

THE Shrewsbury Town groundsmen rolled up their trouser legs, the Shrewsbury players rolled up their sleeves and Huddersfield Town rolled over and let the second division championship slip from their grasp.

The puddle-strewn pitch made a mockery of league position and destroyed any pretence towards skill. There was, however, no reason for the water to damage the soul, yet Huddersfield's willpower just washed away. You could understand why one of the Yorksire club's supporters started hitting his pals over the head with a hammer — fortunately an inflatable one: it was an unbelievable waste of their fervour and optimism.

Neil Warnock, the Huddersfield manager, acknowledged that the game was lost in the first half, when his players were "soft as, er, butter" with both his centre halves "a joke".

However, in Warnock's view, the match should never have been played. "There's no way things should be decided on a pitch like that after 43 games," he said. It was, Warnock said, the presence of 2,000 visiting supporters in the genteel, picturesque town that had swayed the referee. "If that had been Shrewsbury v Orient, it would have been off," he added.

If it had been Shrewsbury v Leyton Orient, the football would not have been any the worse. Huddersfield were as perplexed as a cat playing with a stuffed mouse. They tapped the ball, but, on the sodden turf, it hardly moved at all. Shrewsbury, generally not as used to the ball falling quite where they intend, were quicker to adjust to the conditions and scored two goals in the opening 15 minutes.

Walton volleyed in the first as the Huddersfield defence wondered why the human body moves more slowly through water than through air, and Stevens made it 2-0 when he was left unmarked to head in a cross by Taylor.

When Evans put a penalty kick wide in the 51st minute, the visitors were offered some hope and, goaded on by their supporters, brought the game to a frenzied finale with Jepson pulling a goal back from the penalty spot, after Walton was ajudged to have tripped Dunn with six minutes remaining.

Huddersfield will now make securing a play-off place their priority. Shrewsbury do not have one. Victory, however, did guarantee them another year in the second division. Not an inconsequential achievement, but one which is unlikely to threaten business at the town's Manchester United Football Superstore. The real question is whether Huddersfield will be visiting again next season.

SHREWSBURY TOWN (4-4-2): T Clarke — K Seabury, M Williams, D Walton, C Withe — M Smith, R Scott, P Evans, M Taylor — D Spink, I Stevens (sub: R Woods, 83min).
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Francis — J Dyson, P Scully, L Sinnott, T Cowan — C Billy (sub: I Dunn, 45), L Duxbury, R Logan, P Reid (sub: S Collins, 46) — A Booth, R Jepson.
Referee: D Allison

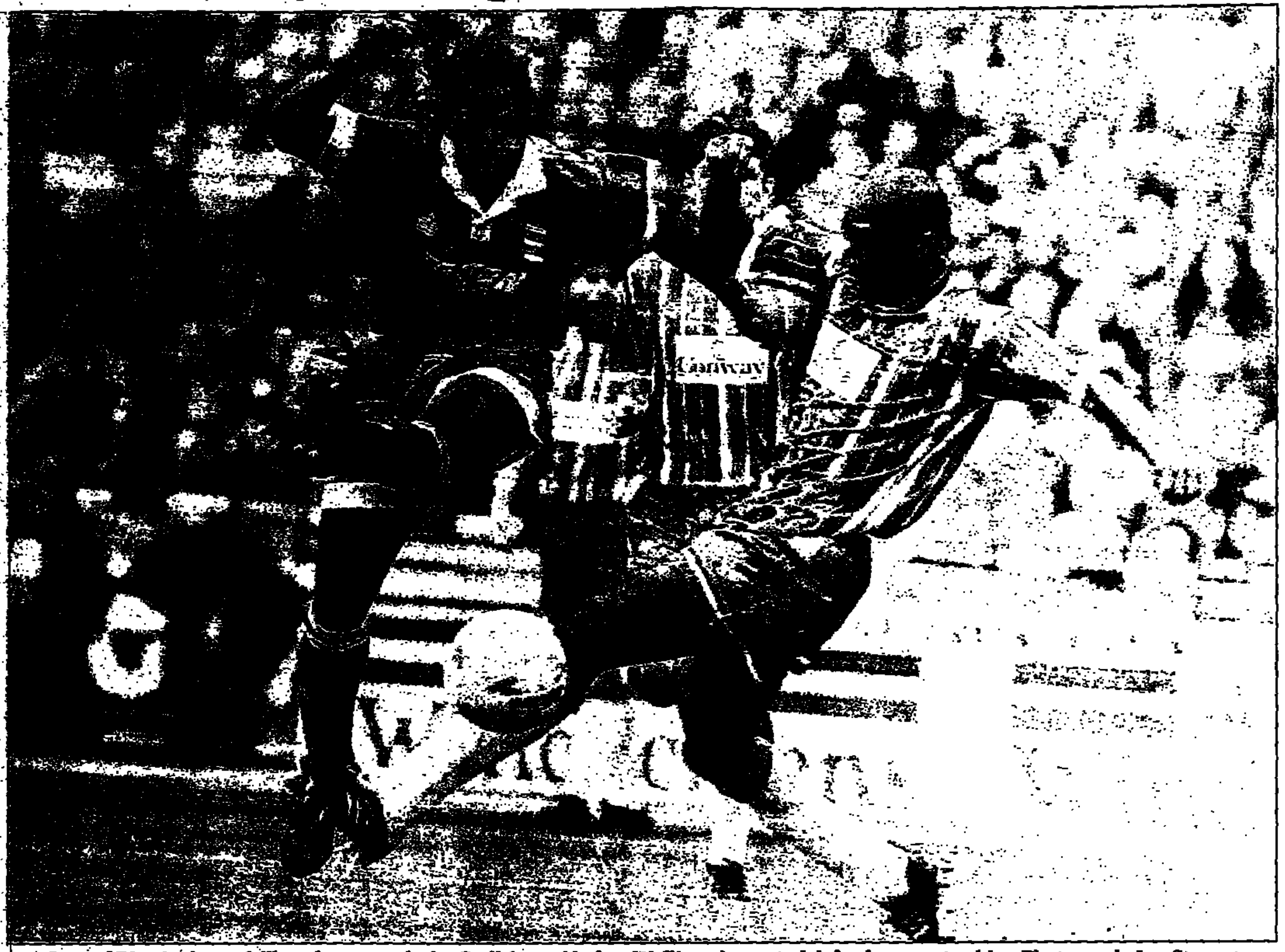
Plucky Carlisle suffer the agony of Wembley's first sudden-death defeat

Tait adds Birmingham's killer finish

Birmingham City	1
Carlisle United	0

(after sudden-death extra time)

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON



Otto, of Birmingham, drills a shot towards the Carlisle goal before Walling, the central defender, can stop him. Photograph: Ian Stewart

BARRY FRY, the manager, jigged about on the pitch in his usual demented style; David Sullivan, the chairman and owner, wore a huge smile and a ridiculous pair of blue ears in the Royal Box. It was not exactly traditional Wembley manners, but Birmingham City are not a traditionally-run club. When they win, they celebrate as they want.

A goal from Paul Tait, 14 minutes into sudden-death extra time, yesterday gave Birmingham the Auto Windscreens Shield, a competition that may be sneered at by many, but which produced an afternoon to savour for large sections of the near-capacity crowd.

Carlisle United, the Endsleigh Insurance League third division leaders, were gallant to the end, but, ultimately, short of pedigree. Consolation on their first visit to the national stadium was financial — each club will receive around £400,000 — and the knowledge that, next season, they will almost certainly be playing in the second division, which Birmingham are striving as hard to get out of.

Not that they were thinking of such monetary matters when Tait, a substitute for Shearer, glanced in a header from Otto's delightful cross. The Carlisle players collapsed to the turf as Fry weaved past them and embraced anybody remotely connected with his side. Joy and despair, in equal measure, at the same moment. A typical cup final sight.

"There are not many clubs in the country who could have brought 50,000 fans down here," Fry said. "In fact, we probably could have sold out the whole stadium. I have told my players to go out and get drunk, enjoy themselves and then wake up in time for our big game against Brentford [the second division leaders] on Wednesday. I am still under no illusions. If we don't go up, I could well be looking for another club."

Three-quarters of the stadium was populated by the blue and white hordes, with the other quarter bedecked in the green, white and red of Carlisle. Vocally, there was little to choose between them. Blue noses, inflatable sheep and garish fuzzy wigs made for a bizarre spectacle at the usually more refined home of English football. It was a party occasion.

By half-time, though, the beer was going flat and the crisps stale. Each side had promised much but failed to deliver, and the sense of spirit and adventure was becoming muted. It even filtered through to the crowd, which had lost its initial buoyancy.

Carlisle had created two glorious opportunities, both scorned. Thomas somehow contrived to miss from six yards out and Walling was wasteful when Hayward's free kick found him alone in the centre of the area.

Birmingham were ably prompted by Ward and Hunt in midfield and also well served by Otto on the left flank. When Francis drove in a low cross, Otto's instant diversion appeared to have the beating of Caig until the young Carlisle goalkeeper arched his back and tipped the ball over the crossbar.

The audience of 76,663 — a thousand more than attended the Coca-Cola Cup final between Bolton Wanderers and Liverpool three weeks earlier — fell even quieter. Birmingham had assumed control, but without conviction.

In the second half, weary bodies helped create extra space — mostly filled by the increasingly dominant blue shirts. Francis, however, left the scene early, underlining his mixed memories of Wembley. When he was with Stockport County, he had played at Wembley four times, twice in the end-of-season play-off finals and twice in Autoglass Trophy finals. He had ended up a loser on each occasion.

Sudden-death extra time — the first goal ending the match — brought the spectators back to life, the possibly abrupt and cruel nature of what might happen clearly appealing to them. When it came, Tait's 104th-minute decider left the Carlisle players sprawled on the ground in abject misery. Even a penalty shoot-out, surely, is not as gut-wrenching a way to lose as this — even if it was only the Auto Windscreens Shield.

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — G Poole, D Barnett, L Daish, G Cooper — J Hunt, M Ward, P Shearer (sub: P Tait, 63min), R Otto — S Claridge, K Francis (sub: L Donowa, 77).

CARLISLE UNITED (4-4-2): A Caig — D Edmondson, D Walling, D Mountfield (sub: J Robinson, 100), A Gallimore — R Thomas, P Conway, S Hayward, R Prokas (sub: J Thorpe, 90) — D Reeves, D Currie.

Referee: P Foakes.

Beautiful game falls victim to the fear factor

Simon Barnes suffers as the end justifies the means of Brentford's 2-0 defeat of Cardiff City

It did not feel as if Brentford were playing for promotion. It felt as if they were playing for a ticket to heaven, Pullman Class. Nervous? The whole stadium was strung like a banjo.

Swift, certain, decisive. Promotion-winning virtues, yes, and a compact description of everything Brentford were not; but the first half was not the worst half of football I have seen this season. It was probably the worst 45 minutes of football in the history of the game.

"I don't give a monkey's," David Webb, the manager, said. His post-match conference was not so much a considered assessment of the game as the unstemmable gibbering of relief. Plus a judicious admixture of sheer terror.

Terror comes from the game on Wednesday: a match against Birmingham City. Brentford's win on Saturday leapfrogged them over Birmingham to the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League second division. Hold firm and the championship and automatic promotion is theirs.

Naturally, the accountant tendency in football is all in favour of Birmingham, a big club with lots of support, climbing back to some sort of prominence. Brentford, an overlooked corner of west London, can take only a mischievous delight in upsetting the expected order of things; but Lord, they made a business of it.

Cardiff came to fight against relegation and, by their loss, were relegated on Saturday. Both teams were prepared to win at all costs and the first casualty was effectiveness.

"You wouldn't believe it," a supporter said to me, "but they've been playing decent, effective football 'til the last few games." So we had an afternoon of indecent, ineffective football instead.

Not that feet had much to do with it. Headball. Cut out the midfield? Come, come, half-measures are never any good, why not cut out the entire field of play?. Goalkeeper whacks to goalkeeper, goalkeeper whacks back in return. Who needs outfielders?

Brentford were trying to batter the door down with their bare fists, when, all the time, they had the key in their pocket. Not joking, strict sober truth: the first (and virtually only) measured pass of the day settled the match.

Stephenson, who stood out from the rest by giving little hints that he could occasionally make a football do what he wanted it to do, provided the key. His pass to Forster opened up the Cardiff back line. Forster slipped it to Mundee and put him clean through. Brazil tripped him up and Granger walloped home the penalty.

A second goal wrapped it up near the end, Stephenson sending a neat ball into the box and then, after a spot of penalty-area pinball, Taylor finished. Good game, Dave? "Good win," Webb said, pulling a range of silly faces, comic relief and neurotic anxiety.

Big game Wednesday, Dave, are you up to it? A moment of managerial candour, always something to savour: "From what I hear, Birmingham ain't playing no better than what we are." Head-shake. "No one knows how the pressure gets to you this time of year." We do, Dave, we do. Your boys made it painfully, not to say pedantically, clear. "Luck," he said. "That's what it will come down to."

BRENTFORD (4-4-2): K Dearden — B Statham, B Ashby, J Bates, M Grainger — D Mundee, P Smith, S Ratcliffe, P Stephenson (sub: C Hutchings, 82min) — N Forster (sub: P Abrahams, 87), R Taylor.

CARDIFF CITY (4-4-2): S Williams — D Brazil, L Baddeley, S Young (sub: D Adams, 84), D Searle — C Griffith, N Wigg, N Richardson, P Millar — A Bird (sub: A Oatway, 82), C Dale.

Referee: M E Pierce

THE TIMES GOLF MASTERS CHALLENGE

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Eight under par

J Lee, Cleethorpes.

Five under par

J Lee, Cleethorpes (twice).

Four under par

P Eccles, Belfast;
R Hiseman, Witney;
J Lee, Cleethorpes (twice);
J O'Neill, Harpenden;
C Corbett, London;
S Allen, Bristol.

Three under par

S Lund, Leeds;
J Lee, Cleethorpes (twice);
M Clayton, Bradford;
A Muir, Northwich;
J O'Neill, Harpenden;
M Waggie, Beaconsfield;
P Britt, Bromley.

Two under par

A Adamson, York;
A Maikin, Beckenham;
W Graveney, Fenny Compton;
J O'Neill, Harpenden (twice).

One under par

T Hobbs, London;
J Connelly, Surrey;
B Miller, Nottingham.

Level par

J Harland, Lincoln;
M Thomas, Cardiff;
S James, Blackburn.

FIFTH WEEK'S WINNERS

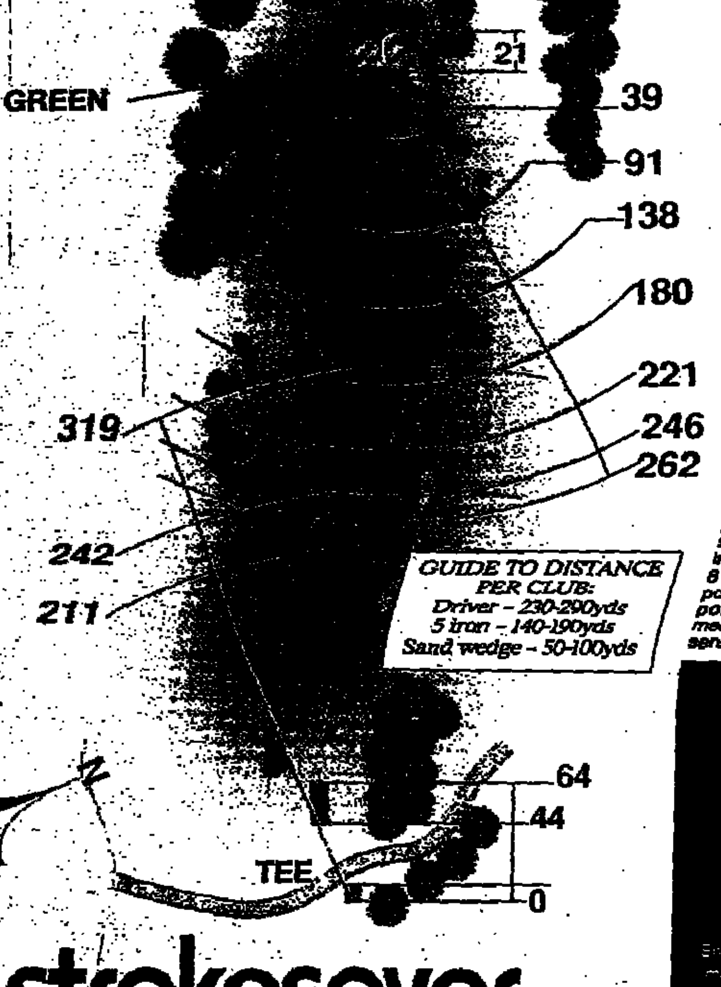
Bernhard Langer's actual yardage on the 13th hole at Augusta in the 1993 Masters was: driver 260yds, No 3 iron 208yds, putter 6yds. Jesper Parnevik's actual yardage on the 3rd hole at Turnberry in the 1994 Open was: driver 294yds, No 8 iron 161yds, putter 14yds, putter 1yd.

Last week's holiday to Pinehurst Resort and Country Club, North Carolina, was won by Jim Ainsworth of Sevenoaks, Kent. The Sunday Times prize of Wilson clubs was won by David Grey, of Satley, Bishop Auckland. The Times prize was won by Guy Randle of Walkington, Beverley.

TODAY'S hole in our Golf Masters Challenge features the 15th at Augusta, played by Bernhard Langer in the 1993 US Masters. This is a 500yd par five and Langer completed it in four shots.

Taking a light to moderate north westerly wind into account, he teed off with a driver, used a No 5 iron for his second shot, a sand wedge for his third shot to the green and a putter to hole out.

The US Open will be shown live on SKY SPORTS June 15-18



GUIDE TO DISTANCE PER CLUB:
Driver – 230-290yds
5 iron – 140-190yds
Sand wedge – 50-100yds

strokesaver
GOLF'S No1 DISTANCE GUIDE

Today we publish the 12th hole in the Golf Masters Challenge accompanied by details of how many shots a leading professional golfer, Bernhard Langer, took to play the hole, the clubs he used and the prevailing weather conditions. The 13th hole appears in *The Sunday Times* next week.

To play today's hole study the Strokesaver map taking into account the yardage guides which give both distances from the tee and yardages to the green. They also show obstacles that might prevent the golfer from hitting the ball in a straight line, such as water and trees.

Using your skill and judgment estimate how far each shot travelled, in yards. Then pick up the 'phone, dial the appropriate Hotline, follow the instructions and key in your answers (you will need a touchtone telephone and calls will last for about four minutes; calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at other times).

Try to match the yardage of each shot taken by the featured golf professional and you could win any of three different prizes:

The £25,000 accumulator prize can only be won by readers who play all 18 holes during the nine weeks of *The Times/The Sunday Times* Golf Masters Challenge. If you have already played the first 11 holes ring 0891 70 05 12 and quote your Pin number to play the 12th hole. This number automatically enters accumulator players for the daily prize and the second stage of the sixth weekly prize. A weekly leaderboard will chart the progress of the top entrants.

The weekly prize. This is for all readers who play today's hole and the hole published in *The Sunday Times* yesterday. The person who has the best score over the two holes will win a luxury golf holiday worth up to £7,000. To play for the weekly and daily prizes ring 0891 40 50 12. Accumulator players do not need to call this number.

The daily prize. The reader with the lowest score on a single hole will win a full set of Wilson golf clubs including a golf bag and Ultra balls. To play for the daily prize, ring 0891 66 55 01.

The success of your play is calculated by a simple scoring system. You will be penalised one point for every yard your estimate varies from the exact yardage taken by the golfing professional for his shot. The total variance in points is then transferred into a golfing equivalent; 0-4 points = 2 under par, 5-8 points = 1 under par, 9-15 points = par, 16-19 points = 1 over par, 20-25 points = 2 over par, 26 points and over = three over par. This scoring mechanism is a final modification and is slightly more sensitive than the original published on March 19.

Golf Masters Challenge
CUMULATIVE HOTLINE:
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WEEKLY HOTLINE:
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Win a holiday to Mexico

FOR readers who play today's hole and the hole published in The Sunday Times yesterday there is the chance of winning a holiday worth £7,000. This week's destination is Palmilla, Los Cabos, Mexico, a 900-acre golf resort built around the Grand Dame of Los Cabos hotels – the hotel Palmilla. The resort boasts the first Jack Nicklaus signature golf course plus world renowned deep sea fishing and scuba diving.

The company Great Golf Resorts of the World, which specialises in luxury golfing holiday resorts, has combined with American Airlines and Avis car rental to provide a dream holiday for two people as a weekly prize for the Golf Challenge.

Each weekly winner and a companion will fly business class with American Airlines. They will stay for five nights in luxury accommodation, with breakfast provided.

Winners will have three rounds of golf on a championship course.

American Airlines is the largest US transatlantic carrier, with non-stop flights from Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Glasgow and Birmingham (from May 26) to eight American gateway cities, with connections to nearly 300 destinations in the US, the Caribbean, Latin America and Japan. This summer American will increase its service from Heathrow to New York/JFK, Chicago and Boston.

For further information on resorts featured, telephone American Airlines Holidays (ATOL 2706) on 01703 465885.

Great Golf Resorts of the World

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Win a set of clubs at every hole

THE reader who gets the best score on each of the 18 holes in the Golf Masters Challenge will win a set of superb Wilson golf clubs worth £1,400 — including a golf bag and the latest technology Ultra 500 golf balls to get you rolling. The set is made up of Wilson Staff Midsize irons and Killer Whale Midsize woods. The irons are designed with perimeter weighting and a generous sweetspot to give maximum accuracy and forgiveness. The Killer Whale woods are reputed to be the longest-hitting clubs on the US PGA tour.

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1996 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION

ENGLAND, as hosts, qualify automatically for the 1996 European championship finals but holders, Denmark, do not. The eight group winners and six best second-placed teams qualify. The other two second-placed teams play off at a neutral venue in December for the last of the 16 places. The six best runners-up will be determined by results achieved against the first, third and fourth-placed teams in each group.

UEFA EURO 96

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: *Israel 2 Poland 1, Romania 3* Azerbaijan 0. Slovakia 0 France 0. France 0 Romania 0. Israel 2 Slovakia 2. Poland 1 Azerbaijan 0. Romania 3 Slovakia 2. Poland 0 France 0. Azerbaijan 0 Israel 2. Azerbaijan 0 France 2. Israel 1 Romania 1. Romania 2 Poland 1. Israel 0 France 0. Slovakia 4 Azerbaijan 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	5	3	2	0	9	4	11
Israel	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
France	5	1	4	0	2	0	7
Slovakia	4	1	2	1	8	6	5
Poland	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Azerbaijan	5	0	0	5	1	12	0

FIXTURES: Apr 26: France v Slovakia, Poland v Israel, Azerbaijan v Romania. Jun 7: Poland v Slovakia, Romania v Israel. Aug 16: *France v Poland*, Azerbaijan v Slovakia. Sept 6: France v Azerbaijan, Slovakia v Israel. Oct 11: *Romania v France, Israel v Azerbaijan*, Slovakia v Poland. Nov 15: Slovakia v Romania, Azerbaijan v Poland, France v Israel.

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Macedonia 1 Denmark 1. Cyprus 1 Spain 2. Belgium 2 Armenia 0. Armenia 0 Cyprus 0. Denmark 3 Belgium 1. Macedonia 0 Spain 2. Belgium 1 Macedonia 1. Spain 3 *Denmark 0. Cyprus 2 Armenia 0. Belgium 1* Spain 4. Macedonia 3 Cyprus 0. Spain 1 Belgium 1. Cyprus 1 Denmark 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	5	4	1	0	12	3	13
Macedonia	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Denmark	4	1	2	1	5	6	5
Cyprus	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Belgium	5	1	2	2	6	10	5
Armenia	3	0	1	2	0	4	1

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Armenia v Spain, Belgium v Cyprus, Denmark v Macedonia. May 10: Armenia v Macedonia. Jun 7: Denmark v Cyprus, Macedonia v Belgium, Spain v Armenia. Aug 16: Armenia v Denmark. *Sept 6: Belgium v Denmark, Spain* v Cyprus, Macedonia v Armenia. Oct 7: Armenia v Belgium. Oct 11: Denmark v *Spain. Cyprus v Macedonia. Nov 15:* Cyprus v Belgium, Denmark v Armenia.

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: Hungary 2 Turkey 2. Iceland 0 Sweden 1. Turkey 5 Iceland 0. Switzerland 4 *Sweden 2. Switzerland 1 Iceland 0. Sweden 2* Hungary 0. Turkey 1 Switzerland 2. Turkey 2 Sweden 1. Hungary 2 Switzerland 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	4	3	1	0	9	5	10
Turkey	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Sweden	4	2	0	2	6	6	6
Hungary	3	0	2	1	4	6	2
Iceland	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Hungary v Sweden, Switzerland v *Turkey. Jun 1: Sweden v Iceland.* Jun 11: Iceland v Hungary. Aug 16: Iceland v Switzerland. Sept 6: Sweden v Switzerland, Turkey v Hungary. Oct 11: Switzerland v Hungary, Iceland v Turkey. Nov 11: Hungary v *Iceland. Nov 15: Sweden v Turkey*

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: *Estonia 0 Croatia 2*, Ukraine 0 Lithuania 2. Slovenia 1 Italy 1. Croatia 2 *Lithuania 0, Estonia 0 Italy 2. Ukraine 0* Slovenia 0. Ukraine 3 Estonia 0. Slovenia 1 Lithuania 2. Italy 1 Croatia 2. Croatia 4 Ukraine 0. Italy 4 Estonia 1. Slovenia 3 Estonia 0. Ukraine 0 Italy 2. Lithuania 0 *Croatia 0.*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	5	4	0	1	10	1	13
Italy	5	3	1	1	10	4	10
Lithuania	4	2	1	1	4	3	7
Slovenia	4	1	2	1	5	3	5
Ukraine	5	1	1	3	3	8	4
Estonia	5	0	0	5	1	14	0

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Lithuania v Italy, Croatia v Slovenia, Estonia v Ukraine. Jun 7: Lithuania v *Slovenia. Jun 11:* Estonia v Slovenia, Ukraine v Croatia. Aug 16: Estonia v Lithuania. Sept 3: Croatia v Estonia. Sept 6: Italy v Slovenia, Lithuania v Ukraine. Oct 8: Croatia v Italy. Oct 11: Slovenia v Ukraine, *Lithuania v Estonia. Nov 11: Italy v Ukraine.* Nov 15: Slovenia v Croatia, Italy v Lithuania.

GROUP FIVE

RESULTS: Czech Rep 6 Malta 1, Luxembourg 0 Holland 4, Norway 1 Belarus 0, Malta *0 Czech Rep 0, Belarus 2* Luxembourg 0, Norway 1 Holland 1, Belarus 0 Norway 4, *Holland 0 Czech Rep 0. Malta 0 Norway 1.* Holland 5 Luxembourg 0, Malta 0 Luxembourg 1, Czech Rep 4 Belarus 2, Luxembourg 0 Norway 2, Holland 4 Malta 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Holland	5	3	2	0	14	1	11
Czech Rep	4	2	2	0	10	3	8
Belarus	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Luxembourg	5	1	0	4	1	13	3
Malta	5	0	1	4	1	12	1

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Belarus v Malta, Czech Rep v Holland, Norway v Luxembourg. Jun 7: *Belarus v Holland*, Luxembourg v Czech Rep, Norway v Malta. Aug 16: Norway v Czech Rep. *Sept 6: Czech Rep v Norway.* Luxembourg v Malta, Holland v Belarus. Oct 7: Belarus v Czech Rep. Oct 11: Malta v Holland, Luxembourg v Belarus. Nov 12: Malta v Belarus. Nov 15: Czech Rep v *Luxembourg, Holland* v Norway.

GROUP SIX

RESULTS: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1, Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4, Latvia 0 Ireland 3, *Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2, Latvia 1* Portugal 3, Austria 1 Northern Ireland 2, Ireland 4 *Liechtenstein 0, Portugal 1 Austria* 0, Liechtenstein 0 Latvia 1, Northern Ireland 0 Ireland 4, Portugal 8 Liechtenstein 0, Ireland 1 Northern Ireland 1, Austria 5 Latvia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Ireland	4	3	1	0	12	1	10
Nthn Ireland	5	2	1	2	8	9	7
Austria	4	2	0	2	10	3	6
Latvia	4	1	0	3	2	11	3
Liechtenstein	5	0	0	5	1	21	0

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Ireland v Portugal, Latvia *v Northern Ireland*, Austria v Liechtenstein. Jun 3: Portugal v Latvia, Liechtenstein v Ireland. Jun 7: Northern Ireland v Latvia. Jun 11: Ireland v Austria. Aug 15: Liechtenstein v Portugal. Aug 16: Latvia v Austria. Sept 3: Portugal v *Northern Ireland. Sept 6:* Austria v Ireland, Latvia v Liechtenstein. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia, Austria v Portugal, Liechtenstein v *Northern Ireland. Nov 15: Portugal* v Ireland. Northern Ireland v Austria.

GROUP [illegible]

RESULTS: *Georgia 0, Moldavia 1, Wales 2* Albania 0, Moldavia 3 Wales 2, Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0, Albania 1 Germany 2, Georgia 5 Wales 0, Bulgaria 4 Moldavia 1, Albania 0 Georgia 1, Moldavia 0 Germany 3, Wales 0 Bulgaria 3, *Germany 2* Albania 1, Georgia 0 Germany 2, Bulgaria 3 Wales 1, Albania 3 Moldavia 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bulgaria	4	4	0	0	12	2	12
Germany	4	4	0	0	9	2	12
Georgia	5	2	0	3	6	5	6
Moldavia	5	2	0	3	5	12	6
Albania	5	1	0	4	5	7	3
Wales	5	1	0	4	5	14	3

FIXTURES: Apr 26: Germany v Wales, Moldavia v Bulgaria, Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany, Wales v Georgia, Moldavia v Albania. Sept 6: Germany v Georgia, Wales v Moldavia, Albania v *Bulgaria. Oct 7:* Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria, Albania v Wales, Moldavia v Georgia.

GROUP [illegible]

RESULTS: *Finland 0 Scotland 2*, Faeroe Islands 1 Greece 5, Scotland 5 Faeroe Islands 1, Greece 4 Finland 0, Russia 4 San Marino 0, Scotland 1 Russia 1, Greece 2 San Marino 0, Finland 5 Faeroe Islands 0, Finland 4 San Marino 1, Greece 1 Scotland 0, Russia 0 Scotland 0, San Marino 0 Finland 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	4	4	0	0	12	1	12
Finland	5	3	0	2	11	7	9
Scotland	5	2	2	1	8	3	8
Russia	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
San Marino	4	0	0	4	1	12	0
Faeroe Is	3	0	0	3	2	15	0

FIXTURES: Apr 26: San Marino v Scotland, Greece v Russia, Faeroe Islands v Finland. May 6: Russia v Faeroe Islands. May 25: *Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Jun 7: Faeroe* Islands v Scotland, San Marino v Russia. Jun 11: Finland v Greece. Aug 16: Scotland v Greece, Finland v Russia. Sept 6: Scotland v Finland, Faeroe Islands v Russia, San Marino *v Greece. Oct 11: Russia v Greece*, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino, Russia v Finland, Greece v Faeroe Islands.

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Group matches: June 8: Wembley. June 9: Elland Road (Leeds), Old Trafford (Manchester), Hillsborough (Sheffield). June 10: Villa Park (Birmingham), St James' Park (Newcastle). June 11: Anfield (Liverpool), City Ground (Nottingham). June 13: Villa Park, St James' Park. *June 14: Anfield, City* Ground. June 15: Wembley, Elland Road. June 16: Old Trafford, Hillsborough. June 18: Villa Park, St James' Park, Wembley, Elland Road. June 19: Anfield, City Ground, *Old Trafford*, Hillsborough.

Quarter-finals: June 22: Anfield, Wembley. June 23: Old Trafford, Villa Park.

Semi-finals: June 26: Old Trafford (Anfield v Villa Park winners), Wembley (Wembley v Old *Trafford winners*).

Final: June 30: Wembley

F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Blackburn	39	16	2	2	53	21	10	6	3	25	14	86	+43
2 Man Utd	38	14	4	1	39	3	9	5	5	31	21	78	+46
3 Nottm For	39	11	6	3	35	18	9	4	6	32	22	70	+27
4 Liverpool	37	12	5	3	36	12	7	5	5	25	18	67	+31
5 Newcastle	38	13	5	1	40	15	6	5	8	21	28	67	+20
6 Leeds	38	10	5	3	29	13	7	7	6	23	22	63	+17
7 Tottenham	37	10	4	5	30	21	6	7	5	29	27	59	+11
8 QPR	38	10	3	7	34	25	5	5	8	22	30	53	+1
9 Wimbledon	38	9	3	7	24	24	6	4	9	22	39	52	-17
10 Arsenal	39	6	7	6	26	20	7	3	10	24	26	49	+4
11 Soton	37	7	7	4	28	24	4	8	7	27	34	48	-3
12 Man City	38	8	6	5	35	25	4	5	10	15	34	47	-9
13 Sheff Wed	39	6	7	7	22	25	6	4	9	23	30	47	-10
14 Chelsea	38	5	7	7	22	21	6	6	7	21	29	46	-7
15 Coventry	38	7	6	6	21	22	4	7	8	18	34	46	-17
16 Aston Villa	38	5	8	6	24	23	5	5	9	23	30	45	-6
17 Everton	37	8	6	4	28	20	2	7	10	12	28	43	-8
18 West Ham	37	7	4	8	22	18	4	5	11	16	28	42	-8
19 C Palace	37	5	6	8	14	21	5	6	7	14	17	42	-10
20 Norwich	39	8	7	4	25	18	2	5	13	9	31	42	-15
21 Leicester	39	4	5	10	25	36	1	4	15	15	41	24	-37
22 Ipswich	38	4	3	12	22	33	2	3	14	11	53	24	-53

Endsleigh Insurance League

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Middlesbro	44	14	4	4	39	18	8	8	6	25	20	78	64
2 Bolton	43	16	5	1	42	12	5	7	9	22	28	75	64
3 Tranmere	43	17	2	2	49	21	5	6	11	15	30	74	[illegible]
4 Wolves	43	15	4	3	38	17	6	6	9	37	42	73	[illegible]
5 Reading	44	11	7	4	32	20	10	3	9	22	22	73	54
6 Barnsley	43	14	5	2	39	17	5	6	11	20	30	68	59
7 Derby	44	12	6	4	43	21	6	6	10	21	26	66	64
8 Sheff Utd	44	11	9	2	38	20	5	8	9	32	32	65	70
9 Grimsby	44	12	6	4	36	19	5	7	10	25	34	64	61
10 Watford	43	12	6	3	29	16	5	7	10	19	28	64	48
11 Millwall	44	11	7	4	35	21	5	6	11	21	34	61	56
12 Luton	44	8	6	8	33	27	7	7	8	25	32	58	58
13 Charlton	43	11	5	6	32	24	5	5	11	24	37	58	56
14 Port Vale	44	11	4	7	29	23	4	7	11	27	39	56	56
15 Oldham	43	11	7	4	31	20	4	4	13	24	37	56	55
16 Southend	44	12	2	8	30	24	4	6	12	19	47	56	49
17 Stoke	43	9	6	6	26	17	5	8	9	16	30	56	42
18 Portsmouth	44	9	7	6	30	27	5	5	12	20	35	54	50
19 West Brom	44	12	3	7	28	23	3	6	13	16	31	54	44
20 Sunderland	44	5	11	6	20	20	7	5	10	18	22	52	38
21 Swindon	43	8	6	7	25	25	3	5	14	25	45	44	50
22 Burnley	44	8	6	8	35	32	3	5	14	12	40	44	47
23 Bristol C	44	8	8	6	25	26	3	3	16	15	34	44	40
24 Notts Co	43	6	8	8	25	28	2	4	15	18	34	36	43

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Brentford	43	14	4	4	43	13	11	5	5	35	20	84	78
2 Birmingham	42	14	4	2	48	15	9	8	5	29	18	81	77
3 Huddersfield	44	14	5	3	44	19	8	9	5	33	27	80	77
4 Bristol Rvrs	44	15	6	1	46	18	6	9	7	21	20	78	67
5 Wycombe	44	13	7	2	35	17	7	8	7	23	27	75	58
6 Oxford Utd	44	13	6	3	29	16	8	5	9	35	33	74	64
7 Crewe	42	13	2	6	43	31	8	5	7	31	34	73	74
8 York	44	12	4	6	35	21	8	4	10	29	29	68	64
9 Hull	43	12	6	4	37	18	7	5	9	28	35	68	63
10 Swansea	43	10	8	3	28	11	8	6	8	32	31	68	56
11 Stockport	44	12	2	8	39	28	7	5	10	23	30	64	62
12 Wrexham	44	10	7	5	38	28	6	8	8	25	34	63	63
13 Blackpool	44	11	4	7	39	34	6	6	10	23	34	61	62
14 Bradford	43	8	6	8	29	31	8	5	8	28	31	59	57
15 Peterboro	44	7	10	5	25	28	7	6	9	27	38	58	52
16 Brighton	44	8	10	4	24	15	5	6	11	28	36	55	50
17 Rotherham	44	11	6	5	35	26	2	8	12	21	33	53	56
18 Shrewsbury	44	9	9	4	33	25	4	5	13	20	32	53	53
19 Cambridge	44	8	8	6	32	27	2	6	14	18	41	44	50
20 Bournemth	44	8	4	10	27	34	3	7	12	17	34	44	[illegible]
21 Plymouth	44	7	5	10	21	35	4	4	14	21	46	42	42
22 Cardiff	44	5	6	11	25	30	4	4	14	21	43	37	46
23 L Orient	44	6	6	10	21	28	0	2	20	9	45	26	30
24 Chester	44	4	6	12	22	42	0	5	17	13	42	23	35

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Carlisle	39	14	5	1	33	11	11	5	3	30	16	85	63
2 Chesterfield	39	11	6	2	23	6	11	5	4	35	27	77	58
3 Walsall	39	14	3	3	40	17	8	7	4	31	21	76	71
4 Bury	39	12	6	1	37	12	9	4	7	31	23	73	68
5 Mansfield	40	10	4	6	43	25	8	6	6	37	29	64	80
6 *Preston*	40	12	3	5	34	17	6	7	7	20	22	64	54
7 Scunthorpe	40	11	2	7	38	29	6	6	8	27	31	59	65
8 Doncaster	40	8	5	7	27	20	8	5	7	28	20	58	55
9 Colchester	40	8	5	7	29	29	8	4	8	25	32	57	54
10 Fulham	40	10	5	5	34	22	4	9	7	20	32	56	54
11 Barnet	40	8	7	5	35	24	7	4	9	17	33	56	52
12 Lincoln	40	10	7	3	34	19	4	4	12	17	32	53	51
13 Torquay	40	9	8	3	32	24	4	4	12	17	30	51	49
14 Wigan	40	6	6	8	25	28	7	4	9	25	29	49	50
15 Rochdale	39	7	5	7	23	22	4	8	8	19	39	46	42
16 Hereford	40	8	6	6	19	17	3	6	11	23	43	45	42
17 Darlington	40	7	5	8	25	23	4	3	13	17	31	41	42
18 Gillingham	40	8	6	6	31	25	2	4	14	14	36	40	45
19 Hartlepool	40	8	5	7	30	30	2	5	13	10	34	40	40
20 Northamptn	40	7	5	8	23	28	1	9	10	17	36	38	40
21 Exeter	40	5	5	10	25	35	3	5	12	10	32	34	35
22 Scarboro	39	4	7	9	25	29	4	2	13	22	37	33	47

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Rangers	33	11	4	1	30	11	9	4	4	28	18	68	+30
2 Motherwell	33	7	6	4	27	23	5	6	5	19	25	48	-2
3 Falkirk	33	8	3	5	25	20	4	8	5	22	23	47	+4
4 Hibernian	32	8	6	2	33	17	1	10	5	9	17	43	+8
5 Kilmarnock	33	8	3	5	21	14	3	6	8	18	30	42	-5
6 Celtic	31	5	8	3	19	16	3	9	3	12	12	41	+3
7 Hearts	33	8	4	4	23	12	3	3	11	17	34	40	-6
8 Partick	32	4	8	5	23	23	5	2	8	13	25	37	-12
9 Dundee Utd	33	6	6	4	24	18	3	3	11	15	34	36	-13
10 Aberdeen	33	6	7	4	22	15	1	4	11	15	29	32	-17

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Raith	33	8	7	2	27	18	10	3	3	25	13	64	+21
2 Dunfermline	33	10	4	2	33	10	7	6	2	28	21	63	+30
3 Dundee	33	10	4	3	32	17	8	4	4	26	17	62	+24
4 Airdrie	33	7	6	4	22	13	10	3	3	27	17	60	+19
5 St Johnstone	33	9	6	1	33	12	4	8	5	22	22	53	+16
6 Hamilton	33	8	2	6	22	22	4	4	9	18	26	42	-8
7 St Mirren	33	5	5	6	17	17	1	7	9	13	30	30	-17
8 Clydebank	33	3	6	6	16	24	3	5	8	11	20	29	-15
9 Ayr	33	5	5	7	19	24	0	6	10	8	31	26	-28
10 Stranraer	33	3	4	9	15	31	1	1	15	10	41	17	-47

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Dumbarton	33	12	3	2	41	14	4	5	7	12	17	56	+22
2 G Morton	33	10	5	1	30	11	5	5	7	18	19	55	+18
3 Stenhsmuir	33	6	10	1	22	13	7	4	5	20	21	53	+8
4 Stirling	33	8	3	5	26	18	7	4	6	24	22	52	+10
5 Berwick	33	9	6	1	18	9	5	4	8	29	31	52	+7
6 Clyde	33	7	5	5	30	23	6	5	5	20	20	49	+7
7 East Fife	33	7	3	7	30	25	4	6	6	15	26	42	-6
8 Queen of S	33	4	3	9	22	26	5	7	5	19	25	37	-8
9 Meadowbnk	33	5	2	9	13	20	4	3	10	21	33	29	-19
10 Brechin	33	4	4	9	15	25	2	1	13	6	35	23	-39

Meadowbank deducted three points

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	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Forfar	33	12	3	1	36	15	10	2	5	29	17	71	+27
2 Montrose	33	7	4	5	28	16	10	3	4	32	15	58	+29
3 Ross County	33	8	1	7	31	23	9	5	3	24	15	57	+17
4 East Stirling	33	10	1	6	27	19	7	3	6	30	27	55	+11
5 Alloa	33	6	4	7	18	20	8	4	4	26	22	50	+2
6 Caley This	33	4	8	5	23	32	7	2	8	21	26	41	-14
7 Arbroath	33	5	3	9	19	23	7	1	9	28	34	40	-10
8 Cowdenbth	33	4	4	8	22	31	7	2	8	25	22	38	-6
9 Queen's Pk	33	7	2	8	21	25	4	3	9	22	29	38	-11
10 Albion	33	3	0	14	16	37	2	3	11	16	34	18	-45

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY Liddell 51 11,711	(0)	1	MIDDLESBROUGH Fjortoft 38	(1)	1
BURNLEY *Eyres 81* 10,666	(0)	1	PORTSMOUTH *Durnin (pen) 36* Symons 61	(1)	2
CHARLTON ATH Whyte 72	(0)	1	LUTON TOWN 10,667	(0)	0
NOTTS COUNTY 5,286	(0)	0	GRIMSBY TOWN Livingstone 2 Reece (og) 58	(1)	2
OLDHAM ATH 6,319	(0)	0	MILLWALL Savage 75	(0)	1
SHEFFIELD UTD Whitehouse (pen) 16 Foran 73 Flo 90 16,714	(1)	3	WOLVERHAMPTON Goodman 58 Bull 65 Kelly 83	(0)	3
STOKE CITY 20,429	(0)	0	PORT VALE *Foyle 68*	(0)	1
SUNDERLAND Smith 43	(1)	1	SWINDON TOWN 16,874	(0)	0
WATFORD Phillips 62	(0)	1	BRISTOL CITY 7,190	(0)	0
WEST BROMWICH 15,265	(0)	0	DERBY COUNTY	(0)	0

SECOND DIVISION

BRENTFORD Grainger (pen) 54 Taylor 81	(0)	2	CARDIFF CITY 8,268	(0)	0
BRISTOL RVRS Clark 90	(0)	1	LEYTON ORIENT 4,836	(0)	0
CREWE ALEXANDRA Lennon 7 Adebola 25 3,786	(2)	2	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE Gardiner (og) 45 Dalton (pen) 81	(1)	2
HULL CITY Dewhurst 80	(0)	1	CAMBRIDGE UTD 3,493	(0)	0
PETERBOROUGH Farrell 76	(0)	1	BLACKPOOL 5,716	(0)	0
ROTHERHAM UTD 2,628	(0)	0	WREXHAM Bennett 59	(0)	1
SHREWSBURY Walton 9 Stevens 16	(2)	2	HUDDERSFIELD Jepson (pen) 93 4,758	(0)	1
STOCKPORT CO Chalk 26 Davenport 88	(1)	2	BRIGHTON 3,789	(0)	0
SWANSEA CITY *Clode 46*	(0)	1	BOURNEMOUTH 2,664	(0)	0
WYCOMBE WDRS Hemmings 8, 28 McGavin 64	(2)	3	CHESTER Whelan 42 5,284	(1)	1
YORK CITY 3,732	(0)	0	OXFORD UTD Murphy 15, 83	(1)	2

THIRD DIVISION

BURY Daws 37 *Pugh 60, (pen) 68* Rigby 84 Paskin 87	(1)	5	NORTHAMPTON 2,921	(0)	0
COLCHESTER McCarthy 39 2,654	(1)	1	LINCOLN CITY Bannister 22 Huckerby 73	(1)	2
DARLINGTON Warboys (pen) 20 Gaughan 32, 48 Himsworth 73	(2)	4	ROCHDALE 1,886	(0)	0
EXETER CITY *Cooper 88* 1,903	(0)	1	BARNET *Inglethorpe 41* Cooper 60	(1)	2
GILLINGHAM Kirby (og) 2 Pike 26, 38, 50 2,826	(3)	4	DONCASTER *Norbury 7* Warren 36	(2)	2
HARTLEPOOL Holmes 51, 72 Henderson 64, 89	(0)	4	HEREFORD UTD 1,596	(0)	0
MANSFIELD TOWN Peters 23 2,861	(1)	1	FULHAM Morgan 64	(0)	1
PRESTON NE 9,173	(0)	0	TORQUAY UTD Hancox 60	(0)	1
SCUNTHORPE Gregory 37 Nicholson 59 Kiwomya 90	(1)	3	SCARBOROUGH *Trebble 66* 2,079	(0)	1
WALSALL O'Connor 49 Lightbourne 73	(0)	2	WIGAN ATHLETIC 3,508	(0)	0

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Hoyland (Burnley), 89; Brown (Charlton), 31; Cranson (Stoke), 85. **Third division:** Thackeray (Rochdale), 20.

Auto Windscreens Shield

Final

BIRMINGHAM Tait 103	(0)	1	CARLISLE 76,663	(0)	0

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GOALSCORERS

Premiership: 35 Shearer (Blackburn Rovers). 31 Fowler (Liverpool). 29 Wright (Arsenal). 27 Klinsmann (Tottenham Hotspur). 26 Le Tissier (Southampton). 24 Cole (Manchester United, 15 for Newcastle). 24 Ward (Norwich City, 17 for Crewe Alexandra). 23 *Collymore (Nottingham Forest)* 22 Ferdinand (QPR) 21 Sutton (Blackburn Rovers); Rosler (Manchester City) 20 Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur). 18 Kitson (Newcastle United, 6 for Derby County)

First division: 27 Fjortoft (Middlesbrough, 25 for Swindon) 24 Aldridge *(Tranmere Rovers)* 22 Creaney (Portsmouth). Kelly (Wolverhampton Wanderers) 21 Whyte (Charlton Athletic) *18 Blake (Sheffield United)*. Malkin (Tranmere); Foyle (Port Vale). McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers) 17 Bull (*Wolverhampton Wanderers*). Nogan (Reading. 9 for Watford) 15 McCarthy (Oldham Athletic), Hendrie (Middlesbrough), Taylor (Luton Town, 13 for *Bradford City*). Nogan (Burnley, 12 for Brighton).

Second division: 39 Bennett (Wrexham). 27 Booth (Huddersfield Town). 25 *Forster* (Brentford). Goater (Rotherham United) 24 Taylor (Brentford). Moody (Oxford United) 23 Jepson (Huddersfield Town) 22 *Claridge* (Birmingham City); Stewart (Bristol Rovers). Francis (Birmingham City, 13 for Stockport). 21 *Miller* (Bristol Rovers). *20 Corazzin* (Cambridge United)

Third division: 27 Freedman (Barnet) 26 Stant (Bury, 15 for Cardiff City). 26 Lightbourne (*Walsall*) 24 Wilkinson (Mansfield Town) 22 Reeves (Carlisle) 20 Wilson (Walsall). 18 White (Hereford United). Pike (Gillingham). *15 Hadley (Mansfield Town)*; Pugh (Bury). Cecere (Exeter City). 14 Carter (Bury); Houchen (Hartlepool); Cooper (Barnet): Whitehall (*Rochdale*).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE McIntyre 89	(0)	1	ST MIRREN 2,245	(0)	0
CLYDEBANK *Eadie (pen) 35* 929	(1)	1	HAMILTON McCormick 21 Duffield 32, 44, 86	(3)	4
DUNDEE *7,828*	(0)	0	RAITH Wilson 67 Crawford 78	(0)	2
DUNFERMLINE McCathie 23 Robertson 54 Tod 86	(1)	3	AYR 4,808	(0)	0
STRANRAER Henderson 72, 73 630	(0)	2	ST JOHNSTONE Cherry 11 O'Neil 33 O'Boyle 66, 81, 88 Twaddle 83	(2)	6

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK 601	(0)	0	STIRLING	(0)	0
BRECHIN *346*	(0)	0	CLYDE	(0)	0
EAST FIFE Dawanka (pen) 70 391	*(0)*	*1*	*MEADOWBANK* Sorbie 3	*(1)*	1
G MORTON 2,395	(0)	0	QUEEN OF SOUTH	(0)	0
STENHOUSEMUIR	*(0)*	*0*	*DUMBARTON* 1,200	*(0)*	*0*

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION Wilcox 42 334	(1)	1	ROSS COUNTY Macleod 7 Williamson 46	(1)	2
ALLOA 421	(0)	0	*QUEEN'S PARK* Kerr 81	*(0)*	1
CALEY THISTLE 942	(0)	0	MONTROSE McAvoy 1 *McGlashan (pen) 14, 77*	(2)	3
EAST STIRLING 414	*(0)*	*0*	ARBROATH Porteous 18 Pew 59	*(1)*	2
FORFAR Ross 24 McVicar 43 611	(2)	2	COWDENBEATH Black 15 Wardell (pen) 35	(2)	2

SENDINGS OFF

First division: McIntosh (Ayr), 88.

CONFERENCE

BROMSGROVE R 897	(0)	0	*HALIFAX TOWN* Hanson 73	(0)	1
DAG & RED Shipp 76	(0)	1	BATH CITY 951	(0)	0
DOVER ATHLETIC *Leworthy 75* 1,078	(0)	1	ALTRINCHAM *Green 16, 24, 79*	(2)	3
FARNBOROUGH 1,749	(0)	0	WOKING Hay 61 *Walker (pen) 70*	(0)	2
GATESHEAD Lamb 72 911	*(0)*	1	STEVENAGE BOR Lynch 41, 45	(2)	2
RUNCORN Thomas 26 Hughes 51	(1)	2	NORTHWICH VIC Vicary 12, 23 603	(2)	2
STALYBRIDGE *Frain 58* 527	(0)	1	MERTHYR TYDFIL *Jenkins 45*	(1)	1
WELLING UTD Robbins 35 Saddington (og) 38	(2)	2	KETTERING TOWN Brown 39 800	(1)	1
YEOVIL TOWN Wilson 2 1,705	(1)	1	TELFORD UTD Donnelley 72	(0)	1

Postponed: Kidderminster Harriers v Stafford *Rangers*

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Macclesfield	37	14	3	3	39	15	10	3	4	29	18	78
2 Altrincham	37	9	2	8	33	27	10	4	4	41	25	63
3 Gateshead	40	12	4	5	28	13	6	5	8	30	38	63
4 Woking	35	8	7	2	36	21	9	4	5	27	25	62
5 Southport	38	11	4	4	42	30	7	4	8	18	28	62
6 Stevenage	39	9	4	6	35	24	9	3	8	25	22	61
7 Halifax	40	11	6	3	45	18	5	6	9	19	34	60
8 Kettering	39	11	5	4	37	33	5	5	9	26	28	58
9 Northwich	40	7	7	6	38	39	7	6	7	34	32	55
10 Runcorn	40	11	7	2	39	25	4	3	13	19	43	55
11 *Bromsgrove*	40	9	7	4	40	31	5	5	10	22	32	54
12 Farnborough	39	8	5	7	22	27	7	3	9	30	31	53
13 *Kidderminster*	37	6	5	8	25	24	8	4	6	31	30	51
14 Dag & Red	41	7	5	8	25	30	5	8	8	28	37	49
15 *Bath*	39	8	6	5	32	26	4	6	10	19	30	48
16 Stalybridge	39	9	5	5	27	24	2	8	10	22	41	46
17 Dover	38	5	9	4	25	22	5	6	9	20	29	45
18 Telford	39	9	8	3	28	18	1	7	11	20	37	45
19 Welling	37	9	2	8	31	31	4	4	10	21	36	45
20 *Merthyr*	38	10	3	6	35	34	1	7	11	15	30	43
21 Yeovil	38	5	5	8	21	23	3	6	11	19	37	34
22 *Stafford*	38	3	4	11	25	32	3	5	11	22	44	26

Yeovil deducted 1 point

GOALSCORERS

Scottish Premier: 18 Coyne (Motherwell) 15 Hateley (Rangers) 14 O'Neil (Hibernian). 13 Dodds (Aberdeen); Laudrup (Rangers); Robertson (Hearts) 12 *Collins (Celtic)*. 11 Jackson (Hibernian) 10 McDonald (Falkirk). Shearer (Aberdeen): *Maskrey (Kilmarnock)* 9 Wright (Hibernian). Booth (Aberdeen). Millar (Hearts) Nixon (Dundee United)

First division: 25 O'Boyle (St Johnstone) 24 Duffield (Hamilton). 21 Petrie (Dunfermline) 19 Smith (Airdrie). 18 Shaw (Dundee). Britton *(Dundee)*. 17 Dalziel (Raith) 16 Cooper (Airdrie) 14 French (Dunfermline), Cameron (Raith) 13 Lawrence (Airdrie). Crawford (Raith). 12 Eadie (Clydebank); Grady (Clydebank). Graham (Raith)

Second division: 17 Watters (Stirling): 16 Mooney (Dumbarton); Lilley (Greenock Morton) 15 Scott *(East Fife)*; Hawke (Berwick). 13 Rajamaki (Greenock Morton). Ward (Dumbarton). 12 Irvine (Berwick) 11 Dickson (Clyde). Steel (Stenhousemuir). McInnes (Stirling); Sprott (Stenhousemuir). 10 Bryce (Queen of South); *Alexander (Greenock Morton)*. Bailey (Meadowbank)

Third division: 27 Yardley (Cowdenbeath) 21 *McGlashan (Montrose). 19 Bingham (Forfar)*, Kennedy (Montrose). 13 Geraghty (East Stirling). Grant (Ross County). 12 Ross (Forfar): Tosh *(Arbroath)* 10 McCormick (Forfar). Moffat (Alloa). 9 McPherson (Ross County)

Vladimir Bestchastnykh, of Werder Bremen, (left) and Oliver Schäfer, of Kaiserslautern, duel for possession in a 2-2 draw in the German league

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AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: VfB Mödling 0 *Austria Salzburg 0;* LASK 1 *Rapid Vienna 2;* FC Tirol Innsbruck 0 Sturm Graz 1; SK Vorwärts Steyr 1 Admira Wacker 0; Austria Vienna 4 FC Linz 1. Leading positions: 1, Austria Salzburg, played 27, 35pts; 2, Rapid Vienna, 27, 34; 3, Austria Vienna, 27, 32.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 3 NEC Nijmegen 2; Volendam 0 Utrecht 1. *Leading positions:* 1, Ajax, played 29, 51pts; 2, Roda JC Kerkrade, 29, 45; 3, PSV Eindhoven, 29, 42; 4, Twente Enschede, 29, 41; 5, Feyenoord, 29, 39.

GERMAN LEAGUE: VFL Bochum 1 FC Cologne 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 *SV Hamburg 1;* Karlsruhe 3 VfB Stuttgart 1; Werder Bremen 2 Kaiserslautern 2; Freiburg 1 Munich 1860 1; Bayer Leverkusen 2 MSV Duisburg 0; Schalke 04 2, Bayer Uerdingen 0; Bayern Munich 2 Borussia Dortmund 1; Dynamo Dresden 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B Dortmund	27	16	7	4	54	25	39
W Bremen	27	16	7	4	52	28	39
Freiburg	27	16	5	6	56	37	37
Kaiserslautern	27	13	11	3	40	28	37
Mönchen'bach	27	15	6	6	56	32	36
B Munich	27	11	13	3	49	36	35
Karlsruhe	27	9	11	7	38	34	29
B Leverkusen	27	10	8	9	46	38	28
Cologne	27	9	8	10	43	43	26
Schalke	27	8	10	9	36	36	26
Stuttgart	27	8	9	10	45	51	25
Hamburg	27	8	8	11	34	35	24
E Frankfurt	27	8	8	11	31	45	24
1860 Munich	27	5	9	13	31	48	19
B Uerdingen	27	4	10	13	27	39	18
Bochum	27	7	3	17	29	55	17
Duisburg	27	4	7	16	20	48	15
D Dresden	27	3	6	18	24	53	12

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 3, Brescia 0: Cagliari 4 Reggiana 2; Cremonese 4 Genoa 1; Juventus 0 Padova 1; Napoli 2 Foggia 1; Parma 3 Internazionale 0 AS Roma 0 Lazio 2; Sampdoria 2 Fiorentina 2. Leading *positions:* 1, Juventus, played 28, 61pts. 2, Parma, 28, 53; 3, Roma, 28, 48; 4, Lazio, 28, 47; 5, AC Milan, 27, 45; 6, Internazionale, 28, 44; 7, Fiorentina, 28, 44; 8, Cagliari, 28, 42.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 3 Valencia 1; *Barcelona 4 Real Valladolid 1; Celta 2* Real Sociedad 1; Real Betis 3 Tenerife 0; *Logrones 0 Atletico Madrid 0; Albacete 0* Real Zaragoza 3; Athletic Bilbao 1 Compostela 0, Sporting Gijon 0 Espanol 0; Racing Santander 0 Sevilla 3.

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Barrow 4 Whitley Bay 0; Bishop Auckland 2 Accrington Stanley 0; *Boston 0 Morecambe 2; Buxton 1 Winsford* 1, Colwyn Bay 1 Frickley 2, Droylsden 0 Emley 0; Gainsborough 0 Spennymoor 0; Guiseley 1 Horwich 2 Hyde 6 Matlock 3. Knowsley 1 Witton 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	39	27	10	2	78	26	91
Morecambe	39	27	8	4	94	32	89
Guiseley	40	26	9	5	83	50	87
Hyde	39	20	9	10	83	56	69
Boston	40	19	11	10	73	38	68
Spennymoor	40	18	11	11	81	49	65
B Auckland	41	16	12	13	68	53	60
Buxton	40	17	8	15	60	61	59
Gainsboro	41	15	13	13	67	60	58
Witton	41	14	14	13	54	56	56
Barrow	40	17	4	19	65	65	55
Emley	40	14	13	13	60	63	55
Colwyn Bay	39	15	7	17	68	74	52
A Stanley	41	12	13	16	54	75	49
Knowsley	41	11	14	16	64	78	47
Matlock	38	13	4	21	56	67	43
Chorley	40	11	7	22	61	82	40
Frickley	39	10	10	19	51	72	40
Winsford	41	9	11	21	55	75	38
Droylsden	41	10	8	23	56	91	38
Horwich	41	9	4	28	49	92	31
Whitley B	41	7	8	26	44	96	29

First division: Alfreton 4 Fleetwood 1, Ashton 1 Curzon Ashton 1; Atherton LR 1 Worksop 1, Bamber Bridge 1 Goole 0; Blyth *Spartans 2 Workington 1;* Congleton 3 Harrogate 3, Eastwood 1 Caernarfon 2, Farsley Celtic 1 Warrington 1; Great Harwood 2 Netherfield 0 Lancaster 1 Mossley 0; Radcliffe 0 Gretna 3.

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Burton 2 Cheltenham 0. Cambridge City 2 Dorchester 1, Chelmsford 4 Halesowen 3, Gloucester 2 Hednesford 2; Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Leek 1, Hastings 2 Gresley 0; Solihull 0 Rushden and Diamonds 0; Trowbridge 4 Sudbury 3, VS Rugby 2 Sittingbourne 0, *Worcester 0 Atherstone 1, Rushden and* Diamonds 3 Hastings 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	40	27	9	4	94	46	90
Cheltenham	38	24	9	5	82	34	81
Gloucester	40	22	8	10	75	45	74
Burton	39	19	13	7	52	37	70
Leek Town	37	18	9	10	64	49	63
Rushden	36	18	8	10	91	55	62
Dorchester	38	17	9	12	74	57	60
Gresley R	40	16	11	13	68	62	59
Cambridge C	39	17	7	15	58	53	58
Worcester	39	13	13	13	42	33	52
Halesowen	40	14	10	16	79	75	52
Hastings	39	12	13	14	52	54	49
Gravesend	39	12	12	15	36	53	48
Crawley	38	13	8	17	57	67	47
Atherstone	39	11	11	17	48	64	44
Solihull	40	9	15	16	37	61	42
Chelmsford	37	12	5	20	50	56	41
VS Rugby	40	9	14	17	44	61	41
Sudbury	38	11	8	19	47	74	41
Sittingbne	38	9	8	21	43	68	35
Trowbridge	38	7	12	19	37	64	33
Corby Town	38	4	10	24	35	97	21

Corby Town deducted 1 point for fielding ineligible player

Midland division: Armitage 0 Bedworth 3, Bilston 1 Ilkeston 2, Dudley 2 Moor Green 0; *Forest Green 1 Hinckley 1 Grantham 3* Buckingham 1; Leicester 0 Tamworth 3: Nuneaton 2 Bridgnorth 0, Newport AFC 4 *Rothwell 0; BC Warwick 1* Evesham 1, Redditch 3 Stourbridge 3; Sutton Coldfield *2 King's Lynn 1*

Southern division: Baldock 1 Bashley 1. Bury 1 Fareham 1, Clevedon 3 Braintree 1 Fisher 93 2 Burnham 0, Poole 2 Margate 2, Salisbury 5 Erith and Belvedere 1 Tonbridge 1 Newport IOW 1; Waterlooville 0 Ashford 1; *Weaktstone 4 Weston-super-*Mare 6, Weymouth 1 Yate 3, Witney 1 Havant 3, Braintree 2 Witney 2.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 1 Yeading 2; Bromley 4 Sutton 4; Carshalton 3 Marlow 1; Enfield 1 Bishop's Stortford 0, Harrow 0 Slough 3, Hayes 1 Dulwich 1, Hitchin 3 Walton and Hersham 1, Kingstonian 1 Grays 0, Molesey 1 Chesham 2; Purfleet 3 Hendon 3, Wokingham 2 St Albans 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	38	25	8	5	93	41	83
Hayes	38	20	12	6	60	37	72
Slough	37	20	11	6	70	46	71
Aylesbury	38	19	6	13	77	51	63
Bromley	40	17	11	12	72	64	62
Molesey	38	18	7	13	62	52	61
Hitchin	38	15	12	11	60	55	57
Kingstonian	39	16	8	15	61	50	58
Carshalton	41	16	8	17	66	81	56
St Albans	38	14	13	11	66	76	55
Harrow	38	15	6	17	58	62	51
Dulwich	38	14	9	15	61	72	51
Yeading	37	12	14	11	55	53	50
Purfleet	39	13	11	15	74	83	50
Walton	39	12	10	17	68	69	46
Grays	40	10	16	14	52	58	46
Hendon	39	11	13	15	53	62	46
B Stortford	40	11	10	19	51	75	43
Sutton	37	11	9	17	61	61	42
Chesham	38	11	9	18	55	73	42
Marlow	38	8	9	21	46	75	33
Wokingham	38	6	6	26	37	82	24

First division: Barking 2 Maidenhead 0; *Basingstoke 0 Bognor Regis 1;* Berkhamsted 1 Leyton 3. Dorking 1 Aldershot 6, Newbury 0 Billericay 5; *Ruislip* Manor 3 Heybridge Swifts 0, Staines 1 Wembley 1: Tooting and Mitcham 3 *Chertsey 3. Uxbridge 0 Boreham Wood 1;* Worthing 0 Whyteleafe 5. Second division: Banstead *1 Oxford City 2, Bracknell 3 Ware* 1. Chalfont St Peter 3 Metropolitan Police 4; Cheshunt 3 Egham 1. Croydon 2 Hemel Hempstead 0; Edgware 1 Barton 4, Hampton 8 Maiden Vale 1. Thame 4 Aveley *1; Tilbury 1 Saffron Walden 1, Witham 1* Leatherhead 3 Third division: Clapton 1 Harlow 1, Cove 1 Bedford 2; East Thurrock 1 Kingsbury 1; Feltham and Hounslow 1 Leighton 2; Flackwell Heath 2 Camberley 1; Harefield 0 Collier Row 5, Hertford 1 Canvey Island 3: Hornchurch 2 Southall 1, Horsham *5 Epsom and Ewell 0, Tring 2 Northwood 2.*

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier Division: Arnold 4 Ossett Town 2, Ashfield 3 Hallam 1; Denaby 0 Glasshoughton Welfare 1; Hucknall 1 Thackley 4, Lincoln 3 Armthorpe Welfare 0; North Ferriby 1 Liversedge 1, Ossett Albion 1 Stocksbridge PS 1, Pickering 7 Brigg 0; Pontefract Colliery 2 Maltby MW 2; Sheffield 1 Belper 6.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: *Bideford 1 Calne 4, Bristol Manor Farm 3* Torrington 4, Bridport 2 Crediton 1; Chippenham 3 Saltash 0; Elmore 4 Frome 3, Mangotsfield 0 Barnstaple 2; Odd Down 0 Liskeard 2: Tiverton 2 Westbury 2; Bridport 1 Liskeard 4.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Great Yarmouth 0 Newmarket 1, Halstead 1 Wroxham 2: Harwich and Parkeston 3 Fakenham 2: Histon 3 Sudbury 2: March 0 Felixstowe 1. Soham 0 Lowestoft 3. Watton 1 Hadleigh 1, Wisbech 4 Tiptree 1, Woodbridge 2 Chatteris 1

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Park Avenue 5 Skelmersdale 1; Chadderton 2 Blackpool Rovers 0. Darwen 1 Burscough *2, Bootle 2 Kidsgrove 2, Eastwood Hanley 1* Clitheroe 1, Holker Old Boys 2 Trafford 1, Maine Road St Helens 2: Nantwich 9 Bacup 0. Newcastle 2 Glossop North End 0. Prescot 0 Penrith 1. Rossendale 2 Salford 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: *First division:* Billingham Synthonia 3 West Auckland 2; Consett 2 Durham 2. Guisborough 1 Chester-le-Street 1; Northallerton 1 Shildon 4; Peterlee 0 Hebburn 0: RTM Newcastle 2 Murton 1; *Tow Law 4 Whitby 0.*

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: *First* division: Beckenham 1 Tunbridge Wells 0; Canterbury 0 Thamesmead 2; Cray 0 Furness 1; Deal 2 Greenwich 0; Kent Police 1 Corinthian 0; Sheppey 5 Slade Green 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First *division: Charlton 1 Southend 1;* Chelsea 1 Gillingham 1; Millwall 1 Fulham 1; Portsmouth *1 Ipswich 0, QPR 0 Leyton Orient 1:* West Ham 0 Norwich 3. Second division: Bournemouth 2 Wimbledon 3. Brighton 1 Southampton 0; Crystal Palace 2 Bristol Rovers 0; Swindon 0 Bristol City 3; *Tottenham 6 Colchester 3*

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION. First division: First division: Arsenal 3 Millwall 0. Brighton 0 Oxford Utd 0; Luton 3 West Ham 2. Southampton 4 Chelsea 4.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord 0 Brentwood 2; Eton *Manor 3 Southend Manor 3.*

HELLENIC LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Abingdon 4 Banbury 0; Almondsbury 0 Bicester 1; *Fairford 2 Cirencester 0:* Highworth 0 Swindon Supermarine 3; Pegasus Juniors 2 Brackley 1; Tuffley 1 *Shortwood 2 Postponed: Cinderford v* Kintbury.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: *Boldmere Swifts 1 West Midlands* Police 0; Chasetown 1 Boldmere St Michaels 4; Rocester 4 Shifnal 0; Rushall 0 Pershore 1; Sandwell 1 Stapenhill 2. Shepshed D 0 Barwell 2; Stratford 0 Paget 2. *Postponed: Oldbury v Hinckley Athletic.* Willenhall v Halesowen H

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Lymington 4 Petersfield 0. Aerostructures 0 Ryde Sports 3; Andover 3 Bemerton Heath H 1, BAT 0 Gosport 4; *Christchurch 2 Brockenhurst 2. Downton 1* Totton 2; East Cowes 2 Fleet 0; Horndean 2 Cowes Sports 1; *Portsmouth RN 0 Bournemouth 1;* Swanage and Herston 1 Eastleigh 1; Thatcham 0 Wimborne 1.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* DCA Basingstoke 0 Chipstead 0, Farnham 2 *Godalming and Guildford 3. Ashford 1* Viking Sports 0; Bedfont 4 Cranleigh 2; Cobham 0 Horley 0; Eton Wick 3 Sandhurst 1; Netherne 1 Ash 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 1 Whitehawk 2, *Crowborough 2 Shoreham 3; Littlehampton* 1 Langney Sports 1; Newhaven 1 *Peacehaven/Telscombe 4; Pagham 3* Oakwood 2; Portfield 1 East Grinstead 1, *Ringmer 2 Arundel 0: Southwick 2 Three* Bridges 4; Wick 2 Stamco 1.

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMBINATION: *Premier division:* Alvechurch Villa 4 Meir KA 1; Ansells 0 Bloxwich 4; Chelmsley 4 Upton 1; Coleshill 2 Shirley 0; Highgate 3 *Wellesbourne 0, Kings Heath 2 Northfield 4.* Olton Royale 4 Knowle 2; Sherwood Celtic 1 Handrahan Timbers 1; West Midland Fire Service 1 Studley BKL 1

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier Division: Biggleswade 1 Brache *Sparta 1; Hatfield 2 Arlesey 0;* Langford 4 Potters Bar 2; Letchworth GC 3 Royston 3; Stotfold 1 Harpenden 1, Welwyn GC 1 Milton Keynes 1

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Brimsdown 2 Walthamstow Pennant 1; Brook House 2 Willesden 4; Cockfosters 2 Corinthian Casuals 3, Croydon *Athletic 3 St Margaretsbury 0*, Hillingdon 1 Hanwell 1; Waltham Abbey 1 Beaconsfield Sycob 1.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier Division: Boston 3 Raunds 3; Cogenhoe 5 Wootton 1; Desborough 3 *Newport Pagnell 0:* Northampton Spencer 1 Holbeach 3; Spalding 0 Stotfold 2. Wellingborough 4 Potton 6.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier *Division: Blakenall 0 Stourport Swifts 1:* Cradley 0 Hill Top 7, Ettingshall HT 6 Darlaston 1, Gornal Athletic 1 Walsall Wood *3; Malvern 1 Lye 2; Manders 1 Bloxwich* Strollers 1, Stafford 7 Wednesfield 1; Tividale 2 Bilston 1, Westfields 1 Pelsall Villa 3

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Lancing Old Boys 1 Old Etonians 4; Old *Malvernians 0 Old Carthusians 0. First* division: Old Bradfieldians 3 Old Wittelans 1; Old Foresters 6 Old Haileyburians 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool 0 Leeds 2; Manchester United 1 Everton 0.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior *First division: St Marys College 1* Ulysses 1; Southgate County 2 Nottsborough 3; Wandsworth 1 Old Grammarians 2; Witan 3 Old Owens 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 1 *Aloysians 0; Chertsey 0* Meadonians 4, Tenisonians 6 Clapham 2. Senior first division: Kingsburians 5 *Wokingians 0;* Shene 1 Isleworthians 1; Edmontonians 2 Salvatorians 5. Senior second division: *Ignatians R 0 Meadonians* R 2. Senior third division: Latymer R 2 Alpertonians 1; Salvatorians 3 Grocers 4.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First *division: Winchmore Hill 2 South Bank Poly* 2; Nat West Bank 0 Norsemen 1; East *Barnet OG 0 Civil Service 3; Old Actonians 1* Old Esthameians 5; West Wickham 2 Old Latymerians 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
O Esthameians	20	12	3	5	42	27	27
South Bank Poly	16	12	2	2	34	12	26
O Actonians	19	8	6	5	32	28	22
East Barnet OG	18	8	4	6	38	34	20
Civil Service	17	8	2	7	26	29	18
West Wickham	21	6	6	9	24	29	18
NatWest Bank	16	7	3	6	29	29	17
Norsemen	18	6	4	8	22	22	16
CE Vampires	17	4	7	6	27	27	15
Winchmore Hill	20	3	9	8	24	35	14
Midland Bank	18	4	5	9	23	31	13
O Latymerians	20	5	3	12	30	48	13

Second division: Alexandra Park 1 Carshalton 1; *Broomfield 3 Old Parkonians 5;* Lensbury 4 Old Westminster Citizens 0, Old Parmiterians 2 Polytechnic res 3; Cuaco 1 Brentham 5; Old Salesians 5 Bank of England 0; Merton 1 Reigate Priory 0; Old Lyonians 2 Barclays Bank 2.

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KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Barry 2 Conwy 1; Caersws 1 Holywell 1; Connah's Quay 3 Aberystwyth 2; Cwmbran 5 Llansantffraid 2; Ebbw Vale 1 Rhyl 3; *Maesteg Park 0 Flint Town 1; Mold 1 Afan* Lido 2; Newtown 3 Ton Pentre 2; Porthmadog 1 Llanelli 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	38	26	6	4	88	26	84
Afan Lido	35	22	6	7	56	34	72
Ton Pentre	36	21	8	7	74	45	71
Newtown	36	20	8	8	78	43	68
Cwmbran	38	20	7	11	69	49	67
Flint Town	37	20	3	14	76	58	63
Holywell	37	15	10	12	61	56	55
Barry Town	36	14	11	11	65	55	53
Rhyl	38	16	5	17	74	69	53
Llansan'aid	35	15	8	12	58	55	53
I Cardiff	36	14	10	12	56	40	52
Conwy	37	14	7	16	59	61	49
Ebbw Vale	36	12	8	16	49	54	44
Connah's Q	37	12	7	18	57	71	43
Caersws	37	10	11	16	53	63	41
Porthmadog	37	10	7	20	55	72	37
Aberystwyth	37	8	12	17	56	75	36
Mold	37	10	4	23	54	83	34
Llanelli	38	9	6	21	57	101	33
Maesteg Pk	38	2	8	28	22	108	12

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 1 Newry 1; Bangor 2 Ballyclare 2; Crusaders 1 Glentoran 2, Distillery 0 Coleraine 2; Glenavon 2 Cliftonville 2; Larne 0 Ards 1; Linfield 2 Portadown 2; Omagh 4 Carrick 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Crusaders	29	20	6	3	58	23	66
Glenavon	29	17	6	6	72	39	57
Portadown	29	15	5	9	57	37	50
Glentoran	29	14	7	8	51	39	49
Cliftonville	29	13	10	6	42	30	49
Coleraine	29	12	12	5	62	39	48
Ards	29	14	5	10	53	42	47
Linfield	29	11	10	8	46	32	43
Omagh Town	29	10	12	7	40	31	42
Distillery	29	11	6	12	42	47	39
Bangor	29	8	14	7	42	36	38
Carrick	29	7	7	15	45	73	28
Ballymena	28	6	7	15	35	53	25
Newry	28	4	9	15	34	63	21
Ballyclare	29	4	6	19	32	64	18
Larne	29	2	4	23	16	68	10

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
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FORECAST: Telephone claims for 24pts: dividend forecast is moderate with *11 score draws and 4 no-score draws.*

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Everything to play for as Courage Clubs Championship builds to thrilling climax

Liley lifts Leicester nearer to the title

Sale	10
Leicester	20

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE England management may have nails bitten to the quick before the domestic season ends, but the league sponsors love it. *There is all to play for at top and bottom of the Courage Clubs Championship's first division on the final* Saturday of the season, though Leicester, after winning at Heywood Road on Saturday, surely feel that the title is within their grasp.

Victory over Bristol will make it *so*; even a draw, on their own ground, will be enough for Leicester, and they even have the comfort of a points difference of 14 more than Bath *should the worst* happen next weekend and they lose to Bristol — one of the two teams to beat *them* in the league this season — and Bath go *on to beat Sale*.

So much for life in the fast lane. At the other end of the table, Northampton cling to the cliff edge by their fingernails, *hoping* against hope that they can beat West Hartlepool — now safe from relegation — *and that* Harlequins lose or draw at Gloucester. Neither can be discounted, and, in the event of such a draw, Northampton *have* a slightly better points difference than their London rivals. For this week, at least, World *Cups can go hang*.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	17	14	1	2	383	236	29
Bath	17	12	3	2	360	227	27
Wasps	17	12	0	5	417	288	24
Orrell	17	6	3	8	231	273	15
Sale	17	6	2	9	309	330	14
Bristol	17	7	0	10	296	336	14
Gloucester	17	6	1	10	252	308	13
W Hartlepool	17	6	1	10	300	391	13
Harlequins	17	5	1	11	247	331	11
Northampton	17	5	0	12	246	323	10

Yet if Leicester, with a workaday display, achieved the result they wanted against Sale, it was still a day for the *north to celebrate*. All three of their clubs retain first division status, which is as much as they wanted since two of them, Sale and West Hartlepool, were promoted from the second division and were many critics' *tip to go straight* back down. There is a belief that consolidation, followed by a tilt at top honours, may curb the southward drain of players, even if *the job market* in the area remains less than bright.

The season, though, *has* taken its toll of Sale, whose game *depends more on* precision than *many others*. Paul Turner, their presiding genius, seemed happy to cast responsibility upon others — *the* goal-kicking on Rob Liley, the decision-making on Saverimutto — *and it bodes* well for the club that he should, since, at 36, his days are numbered. *However*, hampered by a strong, cold wind and in the face of a Leicester team that granted them no space at all, the fine timing was absent.

Not that Leicester were at their best. Eight days after *their dramatic* and energy-sapping win over Bath, the same level of concentration could not be grasped. "We picked this game out early in the season as potentially a very difficult fixture, because we knew we had to pick the *right* players for it," Tony Russ, the club's director of *rugby, said*.

The restrictions on England players had already been determined and Russ infinitely regrets that five of his six *internationals will not be able* to play against Bristol. The sixth, however, is Dean Richards, a host in *himself*. Russ will hope that Drake-Lee, who left the field with a *damaged* ankle, will have recovered to play alongside Richards, but has Nigel Richardson *as a* reserve.

Moreover, *Leicester* depend, in times of hardship, on two of their lesser lights, John Liley and Jez Harris. On Saturday, the pair dominated the scoreline as they so frequently do, Harris surpassing *his own first-division* record of 11 for dropped goals and Liley showing his brother the way both to kick goals and score tries.

Liley's return *to form*, after being Leicester's second choice at the start of the season, has been remarkable. "*He has* shown tremendous character, *riding the storm* of being dropped and coming back mentally as strong as ever," *Russ said*.

Where Rob Liley, two years the younger, missed two penalties with the wind, which would have given Sale an *invaluable first-half* advantage instead of 3-3 equality, his brother floated three down the gale and finished Underwood's penetrating run with a try *in the same corner* where he scored in the cup quarter-final in February.

Stocks caused *momentary* concern when he crashed *through after four* successive tapped penalties, but Leicester's better ball control, Johnson's dependability at the lineout and their goal-kickers *kept Sale at arm's* length and their league ambitions as bright as ever.

SCORERS: Sale: Try: Stocks. Conversion: R Liley. Penalty goal: R Liley. Leicester: Try: J Liley. Penalty goals: J Liley (3). Dropped goals: Harris (2).

SALE: R Liley; J Mallinder, J Baxendell, G Stocks, C Yates; P Turner, C Saverimutto; P Smith, S Diamond, A Smith, D Erskine, J Fowler, D Baldwin, N Ashurst, C Vyvyan.

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, R Robinson, S Potter, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, W Drake-Lee, C Tarbuck. Drake-Lee replaced by P Grant (45 min).

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Sleightholme, the Bath wing, outpaces Kitchin to score the decisive third try against Harlequins on Saturday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Harlequins contrive nerve-racking finale

Harlequins	19
Bath	25

By Peter Bills

EVERY rugby-playing nation needs a flamboyant club. France has Racing Club, all *suave Parisian elegance, pink* bow-ties and sipping champagne at half-time in championship finals. England has Harlequins, the sporting out*let of the City of London*.

Both clubs share a similar creed — *why make life easy by* doing the predictable thing? Where would the sport be *without that dash of spice*, that cut of unpredictability? It may make coaches lose their hair, but it *maintains* both the image and the interest.

By contriving to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in this match, Harlequins ensured that the interest at both top and bottom of the Courage Clubs Champion*ship would remain* intense to the final day. Had the London club consolidated a 19-3 lead with *half an hour remaining*, Leicester would be champions and *Northampton* relegated this morning. All neat and tidy; but so boring and predictable.

If Northampton win at West Hartlepool and Harlequins lose at Gloucester, Quins will be relegated — the London club *has set itself the* ultimate daredevil act. It was almost as though such a tense scenario was courted, given Harlequins' complete ascen*dancy for 50 minutes* over a Bath side unrecognisable from the all-powerful outfit that it once was.

Harlequins were in such complete control at half-time with a 19-3 lead that Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, was *moved to say*: "It was one of the worst first-half performances by Bath, certainly in the five years I have been involved with them."

Yet Quins allowed *their* position of impregnability to be punctured in just seven *minutes*. Harlequins' *minds* had gone walkabout as Guscott *scored after 54 min*utes; within three minutes, Yates brushed aside some poor *tackling* to run in from the 22-metre line; and, four minutes later, Sleightholme capitalised on Ojomoh's fierce burst to outpace the cover and 19-3 had become 19-22.

Harlequins almost scored on the breakout in the left corner, *but it came down to a* defeat by two goals, a try and two penalty goals, to two tries and *three* penalty goals and left the coaches bewildered.

"I can't *imagine many sides* would let a lead like that slip," Ashton said. "Harlequins *should have won the game*."

Keith Richardson, who will *return to his old* Gloucester stamping ground as Harlequins' anxious coach next Saturday, echoed Ashton's thoughts. "It should all have been over at *half-time*," he said, "but now Gloucester will try to send us down. They will *not give in and think they are* safe, so it doesn't matter. That is not in the Gloucester men*tality at all*."

Well, he should know. Carling, Moore and Leonard, three of England's finest, will return to assist the relegation-*defying balancing trick at* Kingsholm. Their presence and the form of an increasingly fine back row and competitive midfield could well steer Harlequins *to safety*.

For Bath, though, the title appears to have gone and the *reconstruction task must now* begin. The carriage is still just about limping along the rails, but bits are flying off in all directions and the driver app*ears to have lost his map*. A period in the workshop is definitely called for.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Sheasby, Greenwood. Penalty goals: Challinor (3). Bath: Tries: Guscott, Yates, Sleightholme. Conversions: Butland (2). Penalty goals: Butland (2).

HARLEQUINS: J Staples; C Henderson, W Greenwood, P Mensah, S Bromley; P Challinor, R Kitchin; S Brown, J Hamilton-Smith, A Mullins, M Watson, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.

BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, A Adebayo, J Guscott, J Sleightholme; R Butland, I Sanders; K Yates, G Adams, J Mallett, J Hall, M Haag, N Redman, A Robinson, S Ojomoh.

Referee: D Leslie (Manchester).

Youngsters in charge of Saints' destiny

Northampton	19
Wasps	13

By Bryan Stiles

NORTHAMPTON will *not* seek special dispensation to field their England *internationals* next weekend even though they will be battling for their first-division status in their last league game of the season.

Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, intends to adhere to the agreement to field World Cup players only twice in league games *during April* and, *against West Hartle*pool, will again do without the considerable *services* of Tim Rodber *and Martin Bayfield*.

McGeechan was delighted with the way that his *young team took the game* to Wasps on Saturday. Many had *already consigned* the Saints to the second division, predicting that Wasps would secure the victory that would doom *the Midlanders, but* McGeechan's players were eager to prove that *they were not the worst team in the first* division and won an unexpected victory that gives them a fragile lifeline.

To retain their *first-division* status, Northampton must beat West Hartlepool away *and Harlequins have to lose* at Gloucester. Both results are achievable as Gloucester are redoubtable at home and West *can* relax, having staved off relegation themselves.

McGeechan feels that his team is too good for the second division and, if they do go down, they would bounce *back up. He is so confident* that they will be a better, harder team next season that he predicts, if they avoid the drop, that they will finish in the top *four in the first division*.

Brave talk, but the club was given a boost when it was announced on *Saturday that it had secured sponsor*ship worth £250,000 over the next four years, *whether they go down or not*.

Ian Hunter, who is fighting to regain his place in the England team, was full of confidence. *He turned in a splendid* attacking performance, proving that *he has regained his fitness after serious* injury. He is one member of the England World Cup party who is allowed to play all through April so that he will be match-fit before the tournament in South Africa starts.

Hunter and his team-mates played with a tigerish commitment. Foale and Phillips, the locks, won the greater share of lineout possession and the back row was outstanding.

Many of the Wasps players clearly had their *minds* on their appearance in the Pilkington Cup final next month and were not helped by the plan to run almost everything. If Andrew had been allowed more kicks at goal, they probably would have won.

The England stand-off half collected one penalty goal in the first half to Grayson's three. He *closed the gap to* 9-6 in the 44th minute, but Seely scored a *try in the corner* from a well-worked tapped penalty. James picked up a try for Wasps in a spirited finale.

SCORERS: Northampton: Try: Seely. Conversion: Grayson. Penalty goals: Grayson (4). Wasps: Try: James. Conversion: Andrew. Penalty goals: Andrew (2).

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter; N Beal, R MacNaughton, M Allen, H Thorneycroft; P Grayson, D Elkington; M Volland, A Clarke, G Pearce, P Walton, J Phillips, S Foale, B Pountney, G Seely.

WASPS: J Ufton; S Hunter, N Greenstock, A James, P Hopley; R Andrew, S Bates; G Holmes, P Delaney, I Dunston, M Greenwood, S Shortland, R Kinsey, M White, L Dallaglio.

Referee: S Piercey (Yorkshire).

West revel in result that ensures survival

Bristol	12
West Hartlepool	17

By Alison Kervin

THERE is an exasperating tendency for end-of-season encounters to be less exciting *than predicted* and the game that unfolded in drizzle and mud at Bristol on Saturday was *one*. It was a tightly fought and error-strewn affair, *not an attractive game of* rugby, but, for West Hartlepool, it provided the result of a lifetime.

Victory has left them delighting in the prospect of playing their rugby in England's top flight once again *next season* and, when the final whistle blew, the players threw their hands up in the air *and began their* celebrations.

Yet 80 minutes earlier, things had looked far from rosy. Bristol scored a *converted* try within the first five *minutes* of the match, thanks to the quick thinking and sharp decision-making of Chudleigh. The scrum half cruised round the back of the *scrum and* was over the line and touching down before the packs had stood up.

Hartlepool retaliated *when* Cook, their scrum half, took a pass from Jaques and bypassed Eves, the Bristol captain, on his way to the line. The *conversion* by Stimpson put the teams level after 15 minutes.

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It was Eves's last home game as captain after five years in the role, and his marvellous try to take Bristol to a 12-7 lead was a crowd-*thrilling* affair. It was a well-worked score in which the captain handed off Whitaker, the stand-off half, after breaking free from the scrum and then found space to push himself through in the corner.

In the second half, West Hartlepool dominated. They added a converted try and a penalty goal to their points by exploiting glaring holes in the Bristol defence. Elwine, the West outside centre, was particularly adept at finding fault with Bristol's cover with his surging runs.

The try which sealed the game for West came from Owen Evans, their right wing, capitalising on a terrible error by Hull, who failed to clear the *ball a couple of yards from his* line. Evans went over in the corner and the try was converted by *Stimpson*, who is, ironically, Hull's understudy for the England A tour this summer.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Chudleigh, Eves. Conversion: Tainton. West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook, O Evans. Conversions: Stimpson (2). Penalty goal: Stimpson.

BRISTOL: P Hull; D John, N Smith, M Denney, A Williams; M Tainton, M Chudleigh; A Ozdemir, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, C Barrow, D Eves, M Fountaine, I Patton.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: T Stimpson; O Evans, A Elwine, P Hodder, S Jones; K Whitaker, S Cook; P Lancaster, T Herbert, P Beal, J Dixon, D Mitchell, A Brown, P Evans, T Jaques.

Referee: B Campsall (Halifax).

Hastings signs off in style

Scotland	49
Romania	16

By Mark Souster

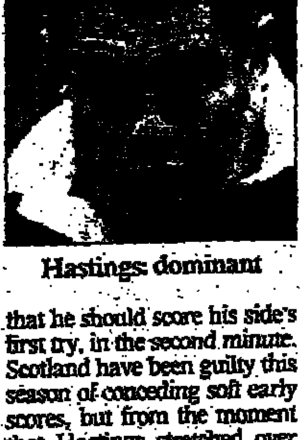
IN THE end, he made his exit with little fuss or fanfare. Indeed, the manner of Gavin Hastings's departure from Murrayfield was of greater concern to the spectators, who rose as one to salute their departing captain for the final time at *Murrayfield*. Hastings limped off two minutes from time with a bruised knee having played a *significant* part in an emphatic victory over a hapless Romania.

Scotland will breathe easy *that the injury* is not serious and, after a personal performance that, as so often in the past, *mixed* the sublime with the occasionally ridiculous, Hastings returned to the pitch to take his final bow on a stage that he has graced for ten years.

He had said beforehand that the occasion *would* not *cloud the need* for Scotland to win well, which they *did*. Only afterwards would he let his emotions run free. For a *man* who has cried in the pain of defeat, there were no public tears on Saturday.

"There was a *great* atmosphere out there and the crowd responded really well to what we were trying to do," he said. "That was *more* important than the fact that it was my last game. We are playing *exciting 15-man rugby*, which is expansive and both exciting to participate in and to watch. Admittedly, I wasn't too happy at 19-16, but we should be praised for being able to up the tempo and add 30 points. The leg is absolutely fine. It may have added a *bit to the* theatre, but that wasn't planned."

It was typical of the man



Hastings: dominant

that he should *score* his side's first try, in the second *minute*. Scotland have been guilty this season of conceding soft early scores, but from the moment that Hastings stretched *over* in the left-hand corner (he went on to *score* 19 points), there was only ever going to be one winner. With the pressure off, it signalled the start of a seven-try *romp* that shook off the cobwebs of the past five weeks, but, *in reality*, achieved little else.

While Hastings was the central *character, there* were several supporting roles worthy of mention. It was largely forgotten that the match marked the final exits of *Dougie Morgan* and Duncan Paterson, the coach and manager respectively of the nat*ional side, who also retire after* the World Cup. Kenny Logan broke his Murrayfield duck after 16 *internationals*, while Graham Shiel and Tony Stanger, a new centre pairing, scored three *tries* between *them*.

Scotland can now head off *to Spain on Saturday* in buoyant mood for a seven-day acclimatisation tour. For Ro*mania, there remains only* the prospect of the so-called "group of death" in South Africa. Their *post-mortem* should already be starting.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: G Hastings, Stanger (2), Shiel, Peters, Joiner, Logan. Conversions: G Hastings (4). Penalty goals: G Hastings (2). Romania: Try: Racean. Conversion: Nichitean. Penalty goals: Nichitean (3).

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C A Joiner (Melrose), A G Stanger (Hawick), A G Shiel (Melrose), K M Logan (Stirling County); C M Chalmers (Melrose), B W Redpath (Melrose); D I W Hilton (Bath), K D McKenzie (Stirling County), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), R I Wainwright (West Hartlepool), G W Weir (Melrose), S J Campbell (Dundee HSFP), E W Peters (Bath), I R Morrison (London Scottish). A G Hastings replaced by S Hastings (Watsonians, 78min).

ROMANIA: V Brici; R Cioca, N Racean, R Gontineac, G Solomie, N Nichitean, D Neaga; G Leonte, V Tufa, L Costea, T Oroian, C Cojocariu, S Ciorascu, T Brinza (captain), A Gealapu. Gealapu replaced by C Draguceanu (48min).

Referee: N Lasaga (France).

Bowman pulls strings for Warwickshire

Northumberland	9
Warwickshire	15

By Barry Trowbridge

JUST as the disappointing Pilkington Cup final between Bath and Leicester last May was beginning to fade from the memory even before John Hall collected the trophy, so the climax to the 1994-95 CIS Insurance county championship also provided little to enthuse over, on an overcast afternoon at Twickenham on Saturday.

In front of less than a tenth *of the 68,000 that* swelled the ground for that showpiece that never was, Northumberland and Warwickshire did little more than cancel each *other out* and gave the distinct impression that they were more intent on neutralising their opponents' strengths than working to capitalise on their own.

In Warwickshire's case, this *meant finding* ways of stopping the 7ft 1in frame of Richard Metcalfe *from dominating* the lineouts and, by *using* a *decade* of county experience to disrupt the youngster's game, Phil Bowman did exactly that — with interest. In addition, Revin, Tregilgas and, in particular, Ellis were ever willing to drive into the Northumberland pack, while *astute* kicking by Gallagher kept the men from the North East firmly on their heels.

Nevertheless, Warwickshire's *victory came simply* from Quantrill landing a perfect five penalty goals, while Johnson, *now 39 and 22 years* on from his debut at Twickenham, for England Schools, missed *two* from the *same* number of attempts.

As the only unbeaten team *in the competition this season*, Warwickshire deserved their *tenth* championship. They capitalised fully on the change of format that gave all *27 entrants* a chance to reach the *final* through regional pools. Had the change not been *made*, Warwickshire could not have reached the final until 1997.

SCORERS: Northumberland: Penalty goals: Johnson (3). Warwickshire: Penalty goals: Quantrill (5).

NORTHUMBERLAND: M Old (Tynedale); G Ward (Novocastrians), R Wilkinson (Newcastle Gosforth), I Chandler (Newcastle Gosforth), D Rees (Sale), D Johnson (Blaydon), S Clayton-Hibbitt (Tynedale); R Parker (Tynedale, captain), E Parker (Tynedale), D Clark (Morpeth), R Hoole (Edinburgh Academicals), K Westgarth (West Hartlepool), R Metcalfe (Newcastle Gosforth), N Frankland (Newcastle Gosforth), D Guthrie (Blaydon). S Turnbull (Tynedale) temporary replacement for Guthrie.

WARWICKSHIRE: J Quantrill (Rugby); A Smallwood (Nottingham), A Gillooly (Rugby), M Palmer (Rugby), D Watson (Rugby), M Gallagher (Nottingham), M Warr (Sale), G Tregilgas (Coventry, captain), D Addleton (Coventry), T Revan (Rugby), D Oram (Rugby), S Smith (Rugby), P Bowman (Rugby), M Ellis (Kenilworth), S Carter (Coventry).

Referee: M Bayliss (Gloucestershire).

Jenkins proves priceless

Pontypridd	20
Llanelli	14

By Gerald Davies

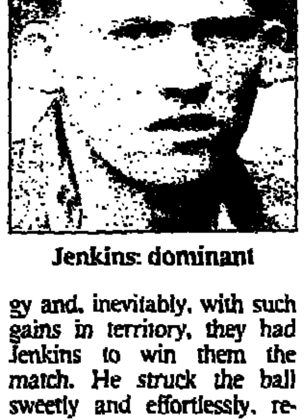
NEIL JENKINS, when he plays for Wales, has *many* critics, *but none of these comes* from Pontypridd. As he dem*onstrates weekly for* the Taff Valley club, he is quite simply much too valuable an asset. *Five times in the first* half on Saturday, the voice on the public address system at Car*diff Arms Park* announced, with predictable regularity: "Penalty by Neil Jenkins." *Metronomic in style*, accurate of eye, he kicks the goals whenever and wherever they are presented.

He has other qualities, too — which *many often* ignore — as he demonstrated on Saturday. What the announcer *could not mention* was that it was Jenkins who, with a devastating break along the touchline, created the try which secured Pontypridd's place *in the Swalec Cup final* on May 6. They will play Swansea, 16-9 *winners over* Cardiff in extra time in their *semi-final*.

For Pontypridd, who have appeared *twice in three years* in the semi-final and failed to go any *further, it proved* to be the third time lucky. This will be *only the second time* in the 23-year history of the competition that they have *reached* the final. The other occasion was in 1979.

It was no small measure of Pontypridd's success that they managed to withstand their *opponents' pressure and hold* on to their six-point lead as Llanelli threw everything at *them in an attempt to get the* try that might swing the *match* their way.

Pontypridd's driving *mauls* sapped their opponents' ener-



Jenkins: dominant

gy and, inevitably, with such gains *in* territory, they had Jenkins to win them the *match*. He *struck* the ball sweetly and effortlessly, regardless *of angle or distance*. Llanelli had briefly gone into the lead after Jenkins's first penalty goal. When offered a *penalty of their own*, Moon chose to take a quick tap and, *sure enough*, caught Pontypridd napping near their own line and McBryde charged *over to get his try*.

Five minutes after the interval, Llanelli came within four *points of their opponents* when Stephens first kicked a penalty goal and, after he had *been carried off with a sus*pected broken ankle, Moon succeeded too. Pontypridd began *to lose control*, as if the occasion was proving too much, and Bezani and McIntosh were warned for their over-vigorous play.

Yet *the try* that eventually settled matters was a terrific score. Little had been seen of *the threequarters when*, *sud*denly, Steele Lewis found a yawning gap in midfield. When he was *stopped*, the ball returned immediately from the ruck and Jenkins, running right, came tearing away for 35 metres before sending *Manley in* for a brilliant try in the corner.

Strange kicked the penalty goal that gave Llanelli some hope of retrieving their position, but their *last-ditch* effort failed to take them to a *thirteenth* final.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Try: Manley. Penalty goals: Jenkins (5). Llanelli: Try: McBryde. Penalty goals: Stephens, Moon, Strange.

PONTYPRIDD: G Jones; D Manley, J Lewis, S Lewis, G Lewis, M Jenkins, P John; N Bezani, P John, A Metcalfe, M Lloyd, G Prosser, M Rowley, R Collins, D McIntosh.

LLANELLI: W Proctor; I Evans, N Boobyer, M Davies, G Evans, C Stephens, R Moon; R Jones, R McBryde, S John, C Quinnell, P Davies, T Copsey, G Jones, J Williams. Stephens replaced by J Strange (46min); Boobyer replaced by M Wintle (70).

Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Barcelona 32 Rhein 30; Scottish Claymores 20 Frankfurt 14

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Fourth round: Carlton 18.11 (119) bt Brisbane 12.10 (82); Footscray 16.7 (103) bt Melbourne 12.8 (80); Adelaide 7.14 (56) *bt West Coast 6.10 (46); Fremantle* 12.22 (94) bt Geelong 10.15 (75); Hawthorn 16.10 (106) bt St Kilda 10.10 (70); Sydney 17.14 (116) bt Fitzroy 12.12 (84). Leading standings: 1, Carlton 16pts; 2, Essendon 12; 3, West Coast 12; 4, Richmond 12; 5, Geelong 12; 6, Footscray 12

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta 128 Detroit 111; Boston 92 New York 99; Cleveland 103 Milwaukee 82; New Jersey 107 Washington 106; New Jersey 107 Washington 106; Philadelphia 113 Miami 106; Orlando 110 Indiana 86; San Antonio 107 LA Clippers 96; Utah 99 Minnesota 96; *Phoenix* 110 Dallas 99; Sacramento 105 Seattle 97

BOWLS

DURBAN: *Perm Atlantic Rim women's* outdoor championships: Pairs: Ninth round: Namibia bt Scotland 21-17; South Africa bt Spain 23-13; England bt United States 15-14; Guernsey bt Ireland 18-17; Argentina bt Jersey 19-16; Israel bt Wales 26-17. Tenth round: Argentina bt Namibia 24-22; United States bt Spain 19-18; Ireland bt England 24-17; South Africa bt Guernsey *34-12; Israel bt Scotland 18-15;* Wales bt Jersey 27-18.

Triples: Ninth round: Namibia bt Scotland 20-13; Spain bt South Africa 23-20; United States bt England 18-17; Wales bt Israel 19-13; Ireland bt Guernsey 19-14; Argentina bt Jersey 18-14. Tenth round: Namibia bt *Argentina 20-14; Spain* bt United States 18-12; England drew with Ireland 17-17; South *Africa bt Guernsey 21-11; Israel drew with* Scotland 17-17; Wales bt Jersey 24-10

GOLD COAST: Mazda Tweed Classic *(Aus unless stated) Semi-finals:* K Kerkow bt C Curtis 9-4, 9-6, 9-4; M McMahon bt R *Parrella* 9-3, 9-5, 9-6. Final: McMahon bt Kerkow 8-9, 9-8, 8-9, 9-8, 9-6.

WATFORD: London & Southern Counties indoor shield: Final: Barking 89 Whiteknights 64. Fours final: Tye Green 20 Victory 11.

TAMWORTH: National Champion of Champions singles: Semi-finals: W Condron (Cent and W Durham) 21 I Wones *(N Walsham)* 20, P Bennett *(Bodmin)* 21 L Gillett (Chipping Norton) 20. Bowls: Bennett *21* Condron *19*

BOXING

LAS VEGAS: International Boxing Federation heavyweight championship: George Foreman *(US)* bt *Axel Schulz (Ger) pts.* International Boxing Federation flyweight championship: Danny Romero (US) bt F *Tejedor* (Col) pts. *International* Boxing Federation junior lightweight championship: *Eddie* Hopson (US) bt Moses Pedroza (US) ko 7th.

DUDLEY: Professional event: British light-middleweight championship eliminator: Gilbert Jackson (Battersea) bt Paul Wesley (Birmingham) rsc 6th. Middleweight: Robert McCracken (Birmingham) bt Sergio Medina (Mex) rsc 7th. Super-bantam: *Matthew Harris (Aldridge) bt Chris Lyons* (Birmingham) pts. Cruiser: Robert Norton (Stourbridge) bt Cordwell Hylton (Walsall) pts. Super-feather: Brian Robb (Telford) drew with Andrew Smith (Bedworth). Light: Gareth Jordan (Monmouth) bt Peter Till (Walsall) pts.

CYCLING

ROAD RACES: *Welwyn-Hatfield Grand* Prix (Herts, 103 miles): 1, M Walsham *(Tritech) 3hr 52min; 2, J Tanner (Tritech); 3,* G Holmes (Ambrosia-Dynatech) all same time. *Silver Spoon* two-day *(Notts, third* stage, 85 miles): 1, W Randle (Optimum Perf RT) 3.23.21; 2, C Newton (N Wirral Velo) same time; 3, R Hobby (VC Lincoln) at 3.34. Final overall positions: 1, C Newton 5:41.16; 2, W Randle at 11sec; 3, K Dawson (Optimum Perf RT) at 3.55. Women's *National series (Fareham, 56 miles):* 1, Y McGregor (N Wirral Velo) 2.15.10; 2, M Purvis *(N Wirral Velo) at 4.50;* 3, A Hunter (New Brighton CC) at 7.20. Churchway Trophy (Telford, 68 miles): 1, P *Nabi* (Elizabethan CC) 2.45.19; 2, A Morgan (Royal Sutton CC) at 22sec; 3, B Charley (Wrekinsport CC) at 32sec. St Helens CRC (Skelmersdale, 42 miles): 1, D Hitchen (N *Brighton* CC) 1.42.27; *2, W Wright (TS* Tameside) at 2.00; 3, J Hughes (N Brighton CC) at 2.47

TIME TRIALS: Bath Road Club (hilly, Berkshire, 50 miles): 1, P Holdsworth (Hounslow and Dist) 2.07.48; 2, T Gray (Bath RC) 2.12.56; 3, B Edwards (Rother Val CC) 2.13.45. Team: Hounslow and Dis 6.48.28. Adorior RC (Circuit of Kinder, *Derbyshire, 41 miles):* 1, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) 1.47.03; 2, I Cooke (Featherstone RC) *1.47.24; 3, S Gibson (GS Metro)* 1.49.08. Team: Huddersfield RC, 5.40.05. Yorkshire RC (25 miles): *1, H Walker* (GS Metro) 52.21; 2, P Newman (GS Metro) 54.14; 3, J Rickards (Rutland CC) 54.23. Team: GS Metro, 2.42.59. West Suffolk Wheelers (25 miles): *1, I Cammish (Velo V)* 53.06; 2, G Dighton (Leo RC) 53.22; 3, A Newark (CC Breckland) 54.12. Team: Leo RC, 2.42.48. *Preston Wheelers (25 miles):* 1, G Butler (Norwood P) 53.19; 2, G Nowland (T *Rapide) 56.53; 3, J Durcan (Pendle* For CC) 57.17. Team: Rapide, 2.55.16. South Staffordshire CA (25 miles): 1, R Bradley *(T Sabre)* 54.15; 2, L Rathbone (Tamworth RCC) 55.19; 3, N Peart (Walsall RCC) 56.07. Team: Tamworth RCC, 2.53.08. Bournemouth Arrow CC (25 miles): 1, T Icke (Poole Wheelers) 57.11; 2, I *Prince (Bournemouth J Wheelers) 58.21;* 3, R Antell (F Chard Wheelers) 58.37. Team: Poole Wheelers, 2.58.57. *Camel Valley CC* (Cornwall, hilly, 25 miles): 1, A Parker (Mid-Devon CC) 58.42; 2, N Polkinghorne (St Budeaux CC) 1.00.35; 3, T Rowan (Exeter Wheelers) 1.02.23. Team: Mid-Devon CC, 3.19.13. Bedfordshire RCC *(medium gear,* 25 miles): 1, T Parks (North Bucks RC) 59.42; 2, *D Fearon (Weaver Val CC)* 1.00.10; 3, S Layfield (T Welwyn) 1.00.39. Cleveland Coureurs (hilly, 22.5 miles): 1, T McKenna (Middridge CRT) 58.24; 2, R Pears (Bath CC) 1.00.56; 3, C Johnson (Akedale C) 1.01.36. Tour of the Meldons (Peebles, 22 miles): 1, S Duff (GS Modena) 51.04; 2, *G Hodkinson (Border C Wheelers)* 52.54; 3, S McCall (Berwick Wheelers) 52.55. *Team:* Penicuik RT, 2.41.28. St Athan CC (10 miles): 1, C Pritchard (Olympia S) *22.43; 2, J* Pritchard (Olympia S) 22.55; 3, C Goulden (Taff-Ely Tri Club) 22.58. Erskine CC (10 miles): 1, G McFarlane (Erskine CC) 22.53; 2, D Nicholson (Thistle RC) 22.58; 3, D Hannah (Denny RC) 23.05. Team: Erskine CC, 1.10.56

GOLF

ROYAL MOUGINS: Cannes Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 132: A Bossert (Switz) 65, 67. 134: J Van de Velde (Fr) 64, 70; O Rojahn (Nor) 67, 67. 135: A Coltart 66, 69; D Gilford 70, 65. 136: O Sellberg (Swe) 66, 70; M Gronberg (Swe) 64, 72; J Robson 67, 69; D Hospital (Sp) 66, 70. 137: R Boxall 67, 70; A Hunter 68, 69; D *Robertson 68, 69.* 138: *C Montgomerie 68,* 70; R Chapman 68, 70; P Hedblom (Swe) 69, 69; A Binaghi (It) 67, 71; *I Garrido* (Sp) 69, 69; R Drummond 70, 68. 139: N Fasth (Swe) 67, 72; I Pyman 72, 67. 140: E Canonica (It) 69, 71; D Curry 70, 70; I Woosnam 67, 73; I Palmer (SA) 68, 72; C Rocca (It) 74, 66; M Miller 70, 70; J Bickerton 71, 69; P Moloney (Aus) 68, 72. 141: J Remesy (Fr) 71, 70; S Struver (Ger) 71, 70; J Bland (SA) 66, 75; F Nobilo (NZ) *69, 72; A Johnstone (Zim)* 73, 68; P O'Malley (Aus) 69, 72. 142: P McGinley 71, *71; P Mitchell* 70, 72; J Haeggman (Swe) 68, 74; S Torrance 70, 72; R Karlsson (Swe) 71, 71; E Giraud (Fr) 68, 74; M Campbell (NZ) 69, 73. 143: H Clark 71, 72; G Turner *(NZ)* 70, 73; J Hawkes (SA) 74, 69; *E Darcy* 67, 76; R Claydon 72, 71; J Lomas 67, 76; M A Martin (Sp) 70, 73; R Goosen (SA) 71, 72; F Tarnaud (Fr) 72, 71; S McAllister 68, 75; S Grappasonni (It) 73, 70; A Gillner (Swe) 72, 71; *G Orr 71, 72. 144: M Pinero (Sp) 69, 75;* R Rafferty 70, 74; S Tinning (Den) 70, 74; P Fulke (Swe) 69, 75; V Fernandez (Arg) 72, 72; G Levenson (SA) 73, 71; F Andersson (Swe) 75, 69; D Ray 72, 72; P Way 71, 73; C Cevaer (Fr) 71, 73; J Sandelin (Swe) 69, 75; F Jacobson (Swe) 74, 70; M Mouland 73, 71.

☐ Tournament reduced to 36 holes *because of rain*

INA: Men's tournament: Final scores: 279: P Senior (Aus) 69, 70, 67, 73. 284: B Watts *(US)* 71, 74, 69, 70. 285: K Tomori (Japan) 74, 73, 70, 68. 286: M Ozaki (Japan) 73, 68, 71, 74. 288: *S Maruyama* (Japan) 72, 72, 70, 74. 289: L Chie-hsiang (C Tpe) 75, 72, 70, 72; S Flesch (US) 73, 69, 71, 76; M Kuramoto (Japan) 69, 78, 70, 72. 290: B Wilson (US) 72, 69, 76, 73; G Norquist (US) 72, 72, 73, 73; C *Franco* (Par) 70, 73, 72, 75; A Omachi (Japan) 72, 69, 75, 74. Selected scores: 291: *H Chin-sheng* (C Tpe) 71, 72, 74, 74. 292: K Jong-Duck (Kor) 72, 71, 75, 74; A Gilligan (Aus) 72, 73, 69, 78. 293: Cheng Tse-peng (C Tpe) 73, 72, 75, 73; M Zerman (It) 69, 73, 75, 76; I Aoki (Japan) 73, 75, 69, 76; R Wuensche (US) 74, 69, 74, 76. 294: D Fardon (Aus) 74, 70, 74, 76; R Todd (Can) 72, 65, 77, 79. 295: R Mackay (Aus) 71, 72, 72, 80. 296: J Rutledge (Can) 74, 74, 76, 72; *R Moss (US)* 74, 72, 72, 78; F Minoza (Phil) 73, 72, 72, 79. 297: R Gibson (Can) 71, 76, 75, 75; *D Boulet (HK)* 73, 74, 73, 77; B Olle Nordberg (Swd) 71, 76, 72, 78

GREENSBORO: Men's tournament: Second round scores (US unless stated): 133: K Triplett 68, 65. 134: *P* Jacobsen 69, 65. 135: J Sluman 70, 65; B Bryant 69, 66; H Sutton 67, 68. 136: S Lowery 65, 71; J Adams 70, 66; B Faxon 65, 71. 137: V Singh (Fiji) 65, 72; L Janzen 70, 67; D Love 66, 71. 138: *J Parnevik* (Swe) 70, 68; J Maggert 72, 66; R Black 68, 70; H Twitty 68, 70. *Selected scores: 141: T Dodds (Namibia)* 68, 73. 142: K Miyamoto (Japan) 70, 72; D Feherty (NI) 69, 73. 144: S Rintoul (Aus) 71, 73. 145: B Ogle (Aus) 70, 75. 147: S Elkington (Aus) 73, 74; C Parry (Aus) 72, 75.

STOCKBRIDGE: Women's charity championship: Second round scores (US unless stated, 72 players failed to complete round): 136: K Albers 67, 69. 138: V Fergon 69, 69. 139: S Redman 71, 68; K Robbins 67, 72. 141: N Ramsbottom 73, 68; S Meynor 73, 68. 142: J Inkster 74, 68; C Mockett 74, 68; *M McGann* 70, 72; D Eggeling 70, 72; K Tschetter 68, 74. 143: N *Harvey (Can)* 75, 68; *H Alfredsson (Swe)* 71, 72. 144: F Descampe (Bel) 71, 73. 145: C Pierce (GB) 72, 73. 147: E Dahllof (Swe) 77, 70. 151: H Dobson (Gbr) 76, 75. 152: J Stephenson *(Aus)* 77, 75. 154: *C Nilsmark* (Swe) 74, 80.

HOCKEY

OLTON: Men's Inter-League play-offs: *Group A: Blueharts 4 Bath Bucs 0;* Whitchurch 2 Olton 1; Whitchurch 0 *Blueharts 0; Bath Buccaneers 2* Olton 2. Final standings: 1, Blueharts 7pts; 2, Whitchurch 7; 3, Olton 1; 4, Bath Buccaneers 1. *Group B: Crostyx 3 Norton 1, H* Wycombe 2 Portsmouth 1; Norton 2 Portsmouth 4, *H Wycombe 0 Crostyx 3.* Final standings: 1, Crostyx 9; 2, H Wycombe 4; 3, Portsmouth 3; 4, Norton 1.

CLUB MATCH: Stone 2 North Staffs 4

CLIFTON COLLEGE: Women National League: Play-offs: Old Loughtonians 1 *Reading 2; Aldridge 2 Poynton 0; Redland 3* Old Loughtonians 1; Reading 1 Poynton 0; Aldridge 1 Redland 0; Poyton 1 Loughtonians 3; Reading 2 Aldridge 2. Standings: 1, Aldridge 10pts; 2, Reading *10; 3, Redland 4 (Aldridge and Reading* qualify for National League).

REGIONAL LEAGUES: Play-offs: South: Aldershot and F 2 Chichester 4; Sunbury 1 Maidenhead 2; Aldershot 1 Tulse H 3; *Chichester 0 Sunbury 1; Maidenhead 2* Tulse H 0; Tulse H 4 Chichester 1; Maiden*head 2 Sunbury 1. East: March 0 Lincoln* Imps 0; Norwich C 1 Sudbury 0; Clacton 1 Gravesend 0; St Ives 0 St Albans II 1 (St Albans II qualify for East Super League).

CLUB MATCHES: Kettering 4 L Buckby 0; *Pontypridd 5 Llan and L 1;* Weston 1 St Fagans 0; Wokingham 0 W Witney 3.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 6 Anaheim 5; Washington 6 Hartford 3; Chicago 1 Winnipeg 2; St Louis 3 Toronto 1; Los Angeles 3 Edmonton 3 (OT).

STOCKHOLM: World Championships: France 4 Germany 0.

LACROSSE

MEN: Orpington: Six-a-side: Finals: Seniors: Hampstead 3 Kenton 2. Intermediates: Beckenham 4 Hillcroft 1. Minors: Buckhurst Hill 6 Tatsfield 2.

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: First division: North: Old Waconians 11 Heaton Mersey 15; Ashton 7 *Sheffield S* 10; *Mellor* 16 Timperley 4, Sale 3 Cheadle 18

WOMEN: Chester: International: England *10 Scotland 5 (at Chester).* Final placings: 1, England; 2, Wales; 3, Scotland.

MOTORCYCLING

TOKYO: Japanese Grand Prix: 500cc: 1, D Beattie (Aus, Suzuki) 44min 2.298sec; 2, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 44:11.880; 3, T Aoki (Japan, Honda) 44:12.006; 4, *L Cadalora* (It, Yamaha) 44:21.922; 5, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 44:23.980. World championship standings: 1, Doohan 70pts; 2, Beattie 65; 3, K Schwantz (US) 34. Constructors championship: 1, Honda 70; 2, *Suzuki* 65; 3, Yamaha 26.

250cc: 1, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 30:46.248; 2, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 31.17.836; 3, S Hikita (Japan, Honda) 31:39.480; 4, T Harada (Japan, Yamaha) 31.40.994; 5, J Ruggia (Fr, Honda) 31:45.446. World championship standings: 1, Waldmann 63; 2, Harada 53; 3, M Biaggi (It) 48. Constructors championship: 1, *Honda 86; 2, Yamaha 53; 3, Aprilia 51.*

125cc: 1, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) *46:28.986;* 2, A Saito (Japan, Honda) 46:30.792; 3, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 46.30.899; 4, *H Nakajo* (Japan, Honda) 46:31.135; 5, S Ibaraki (Japan, Yamaha) 46.36.269. World championship standings: 1, Aoki 50; 2, Sakata 39; 3, Saito 33. Constructors championship: 1, Honda *62.5; 2, Aprilia 46; 3, Yamaha 20.5.*

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste British Open *Doubles championship: Semi-finals:* W Boone and T Cockroft bt R Wakely and G Barker 15-7, 15-9, 15-1, 15-9; N Smith and P Brake bt Huw Williams and J Prenn 16-15, 15-7, 13-18, 8-15, 15-9, 15-9. Final: Boone and Cockroft bt Smith and Brake 15-5, 15-4, 6-15, 8-15, 18-14, 13-16, 15-11.

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL: Pakefield: English Schools FA under-19 inter-county festival: Shropshire B 1 Isle of Man 2; Humberside 3 Merseyside 2; Nth Yorks 2 West Midlands 2; *Lincs 2 Shrops 2; Cheshire 5 Suffolk 0;* Northumberland 3 Northants 0; Beds 1 Independent Schools 0; Surrey 3 Dorset 5; Essex 4 Worcester 0; Kent 1 Hants 1; Northumberland B 7 Merseyside B 3; Essex B 9 Surrey B 2; Kent B 1 Hants B 5.

SHINTY

BANK OF SCOTLAND MCTAVISH CUP: Semi-final: Fort William 5 Inverness 1. Strathdearn Cup: Semi-final, replay: Kilmallie 0, Kingussie 7.

MARINE HARVEST LEAGUE: North: First *division: Lovat 4 Glenurquhart 6. Second division: Caberfeidh 8 Lochcarron 2. Third division: Beauly 3 Aberdeen Univ 0; Skye 0* Newtonmore 5

South: First division: Ballachulish 3 Glenorchy 2; Inveraray 1 Oban Camanachd 3; *Oban* Celtic 0 Glasgow Mid Argyll 1. Third division: Oban Celtic 5 Ballachulish 3.

MUNRO SHIELD: Semi-final: Kintyre 4 Taynuilt 2. Skeaboat horn: First round: Musselburgh 6 Glasgow Mid Argyll 2.

SPEEDWAY

STAR KNOCK OUT CUP: First round, second leg: Eastbourne 52 Arena Essex 54. Arena Essex win 110-105 on agg.

SQUASH

DONCASTER: Open Championship: Quarter-finals: P Lord (Cheshire) bt D Tatham (Yorks) 9-6, 9-7, 9-0; *N Taylor* (Lancs) bt M Blowers (Yorks) 9-2, 1-9, 9-6, 2-9, 9-2; M Barrett (Yorks) bt J Power *(Lancs)* 9-5, 9-4, 9-1; G Thwaite (Cumbria) bt D Campion (Yorks) 9-3, 9-5, 9-3

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European Championship trials: Men: 50m freestyle: 1, M Foster (Cardiff) 22.75sec; 2, M Fibbens (Hatfield) 23.17; 3, M Carl (Redbridge B) 23.18. 400m freestyle: 1, G Smith (Stockport M) 3min 54.16sec; 2, P Palmer (Lincoln) 3.54.17; 3, J Salter (Birmingham) 3:55.48. 200m breaststroke: 1, A Ayers (Swansea) 2:18.67; 2, A Clapper (Coventry) 2:19.20; 3, I Swift (Bradford) 2:19.24. *100m backstroke:* 1, M Harris (Waltham F) 55.00; 2, N Willey (Barnet C) 55.63; 3, A Ruckwood (Birmingham) 55.65. 200m backstroke: 1, A Ruckwood (Birmingham) 1:59.52; *2, M* Harris (Waltham For) 2:03.22; 3, J Salter (Birmingham) 2:05.88. 200m butterfly: 1, J *Hickman* (Stockport M) 2:01.00; 2, S Parry (Liverpool) 2:01.79; 3, M Watkins (Torfaen) *2:02.59. 400m medley:* 1, D Warren (Leeds) 4:26.34; 2, B Lafferty (Leeds) 4:28.42; 3, C Jones *(Cardiff)* 4:29.41. Women: 200m freestyle: 1, K Pickering (Ipswich) 2:01.82; 2, A Bennett (Nova Cent) 2:02.86; 3, C Huddart (Leeds) 2:03.28; 4, K Goddard (Portsmouth N) 2:04.52. 400m freestyle: 1, V Horner (Derwentside) 4:19.46; 2, K Pickering (Ipswich) 4:20.07; 3, K *Goddard (Portsmouth N)* 4:21.11. 100m breaststroke: 1, M Hardiman (Birmingham) 1:10.50; *2, N Thornley (Salford)* 1:12.24; 3, Z Baker (Leeds) 1.12.49. 100m backstroke: 1, E Tattam (Portsmouth N) 1:04.25; 2, K Osher (Ealing) 1:04.27; 3, Z Cray (Ipswich) 1:04.48. 100m butterfly: 1, A Bennett (Nova Cent) 1:02.99; 2, S Greenep (Ferndown) 1:03.11; 3, S Rolph (Newcastle) 1:03.29. *200m individual medley:* 1, S Rolph (Newcastle) 2.18.15; 2, C Niblett *(Dover LL) 2:21.09;* 3, D Palmer (Kilerwhales) 2:21.38.

TABLE TENNIS

SINGAPORE: Commonwealth Championships: Second round: Men: England 4 Scotland 1; England 4 India 0. Women: England 4 Malaysia 0

TENNIS

BERMUDA: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: *J Frana (Arg)* bt V Spadea (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Hadad (Col) bt E Shelton (US) 7-6, 7-6.

HONG KONG: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt J Bjorkman (Swe) 6-3, 6-1.

NICE: Men's tournament: Final: M Rosset (Switz) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 6-4, 6-0.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION CUP: World group: First round: Metz: France bt South Africa 3-2 (France names first): M Pierce lost to A Coetzer 6-4, 6-3; J Halard bt J Kruger 6-4, 7-5; N Tauziat and Halard bt M De Swardt and E Reinach 7-5, 6-2.

Ancona: Canada bt Italy 3-2 (Canada names first): R Simpson-Alter bt S Cecchini 6-4, 6-3; P Hy bt S Farina 3-6, 7-6, 8-6; P Hy-Boulais (Can) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-2, 6-3; *Simpson-Alter* lost to Farina 5-7, 0-6; J Hetherington and Simpson-Alter lost to L Golarsa and A Serra-Zanetti 6-7, 2-6.

Jakarta: Argentina bt Indonesia 3-2 (Argentina names first): G Sabatini bt R *Tedjakusuma* 7-5, 6-2; F Labat bt Tedjakusuma 6-3, 6-2; Labat lost to Y Basuki 5-7, 4-6; Sabatini lost to Basuki 5-7, 4-6; Sabatini and P Tarabini bt Y Basuki and R *Tedjakusuma* 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

West Perth: Australia bt Slovakia 3-2 *(Australia names first):* P McQuillan lost to K Habsudova 1-6, 3-6; N Bradtke bt R Zrubakova 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Bradtke bt Habsudova 7-5, 6-4; McQuillan lost to Zrubakova 6-7, 6-2; Bradtke and R Stubbs bt Habsudova and Zrubakova 6-1, 6-0.

Vasteras: Holland bt Sweden 4-0 (Holland *names first):* K Boogert bt A Carlsson 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; M Oremans bt M Strandlund 6-3, 6-1; Oremans bt Carlsson 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; Boogert bt Strandlund 6-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Quarter-finals: Sofia: Spain bt Bulgaria 3-2 (Spain names first): A Sanchez Vicario bt K Maleeva 6-3, 6-3; C *Martinez* bt M Maleeva 6-2, 6-4; Sanchez Vicario lost to M Maleeva 3-6, 3-6; Martinez bt K Maleeva 6-2, 6-1; V Ruano and N Avila lost to M Maleeva and K Maleeva 6-0, 6-1.

Freiburg: Germany lead Japan 3-0 (Germany names first): A Huber bt K *Nagatsuka 6-0, 5-7, 6-4;* S Hack bt M Endo 6-4, 7-6; Huber bt Endo 6-3, 7-5; M Babel/ W... Nagatsuka 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Babel and C Rittner bt A Sugiyama and K Date 2-6, 1-...

Florida: United States lead Austria 2-0 (US names first): A Frazier bt J Wiesner 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; M-J Fernandez bt B Schett 6-2, 6-4.

RUGBY UNION

International match

Scotland 49 **Romania** 16

Scotland: Tries: Stanger 2, G Hastings, Joiner, Logan, Peters, G Shiel. Cons: G *Hastings 4.* Pens: *G Hastings 2. Romania:* Try: Racean. Con: Nichitean. Pens: *Nichitean 3*

(at Murrayfield)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol 12 **West Hartlepool** 17

Bristol: Tries: Chudleigh, Eves. Con: Tainton. West Hartlepool: Tries: Cook, O Evans. Cons: Stimpson 2. Pen: Stimpson

Harlequins 19 **Bath** 25

Harlequins: Tries: Greenwood, Sheasby. Pens: Challinor 3. Bath: Tries: Guscott, *Slaughthorne, Yates. Cons: Butland 2. Pens:* Butland 2.

Northampton 19 **Wasps** 13

Northampton: Try: Seely. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 4. Wasps: Try: James. Con: Andrew. Pens: Andrew 2

Orrell 43 ***Gloucester*** 14

Orrell: Tries: Anscough 2, Wynn 2, Horrocks, Morris, Taberner. Cons: Anscough 4. Gloucester: Try: Ashmead. Pens: Osborne 3

Sale 10 **Leicester** 20

Sale: Try: Stocks. Con: Liley. Pen: Liley. Leicester: Try: Liley. Pens: Liley 3. Dropped *goals: Harris 2*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	17	14	1	2	383	236	29
Bath	17	12	3	2	380	227	27
Wasps	17	12	0	5	417	288	24
Orrell	17	6	3	8	231	273	15
Sale	17	6	2	9	309	330	14
Bristol	17	7	0	10	298	336	14
Gloucester	17	6	1	10	252	308	13
West Hartlepool	17	6	1	10	300	391	13
Harlequins	17	5	1	11	247	351	11
Northampton	17	5	0	12	246	323	10

LEADING SCORERS: 193: M Tainton (Bristol, 11 conversions, 55 penalty goals, 2 dropped goal). 181: P Grayson (Northampton, 1 try, 10c, 50pg, 2dg)

Second division

Moseley 6 **Fylde** 8

Moseley: Pens: Hodgkinson 2. Fylde: Try: Anderton. Pen: Gough

Nottingham 22 **London Irish** 11

Nottingham: Tries: Gray, Stent. Pens: Stent 4. London Irish: Try: Neary. Pens: Corcoran 2

Saracens 38 **Coventry** 0

Saracens: Tries: Butler, Dooley, Green, Hill, Langley, Tunningley. Cons: Tunningley 4.

Wakefield 21 **Waterloo** 12

Wakefield: Tries: Holloway 2. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 3. Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 4.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	17	15	1	1	382	191	31
Wakefield	17	11	1	5	343	253	23
Newcastle G	17	8	2	7	351	249	18
London Scottish	*17*	*8*	*0*	*9*	*329*	*314*	*16*
London Irish	17	8	0	9	331	359	16
Waterloo	*17*	*8*	*0*	*9*	*276*	*317*	*15*
Fylde	17	8	0	9	242	318	16
Moseley	*17*	*7*	*1*	*9*	*277*	*292*	*15*
Nottingham	17	7	1	9	285	311	15
Coventry	17	2	0	15	202	414	4

LEADING SCORERS: 207: M Jackson (Wakefield, 2 tries, 16 conversions, 55 *penalty goals).* 186: *S Mason (Newcastle* Gosforth 1t, 19c, 44pg, 2 dropped goal).

CIS county championship

Final

Northumberland 9 **Warwickshire** 15

Northumberland: Pens: Johnson 3. Warwickshire: Pens: Quantrill 5.

(at Twickenham)

CIS under-21 county championship

Final

Buckinghamshire 6 **Yorkshire** 20

(at Twickenham)

Swalec Cup

Semi-finals

Cardiff 9 ***Swansea*** 16

Cardiff: Pens: A Davies 2. Dropped goal: A Davies. Swansea: Try: R Boobyer. Con: A Williams. Pens: A Williams 3 (aet, 9-9 after 80min)

(at Llanelli)

Pontypridd 20 **Llanelli** 14

Pontypridd: Try: Manley. Pens: Jenkins 5. *Llanelli:* Try: McBryde. Pens: Moon, Stephens, Strange.

(at Cardiff)

Heineken League

First division

Newport 30 **Dunvant** 13

Newport: Tries: Goodey, M Llewellyn, Peacock, Roderick. Cons: M Jones 2. Pens: M Jones 2. Dunvant: Tries: M Davies, Evans. Pen: Thomas.

Second division

Bonymaen 5 ***S Wales Police*** 21

Bonymaen: Try: Price. South Wales Police: Tries: N Davies, D Thomas. Con: Price. Pens: Price 3

Maesteg 18 **Ebbw Vale** 39

Maesteg: Tries: H Lewis, Pincher. Con: *Pearce. Pens: Pearce 2. Ebbw Vale: Tries:* Jewitt 2, D Davies, Harris, Hudson, C *Thomas, A Thomas. Cons: C Thomas 2.*

Tenby Utd **Llanharan**

Tenby United: Try: Wake. Con: Bowen. *Pens: Bowen 2. Llanharan: Pen: Emyr.*

THIRD DIVISION: Caerphilly 11 *Tredegar* 10. Tondu 21 Mountain Ash 0

Club matches

Abertillery 26 Penarth 38. Aspatria 19 Middlesbrough 11. Berry Hill 6 Walsall 38. Broham 3 Exeter 22. Broughton Park 6 Manchester 26; Camborne 15 Launceston 20; *Glamorgan Wanderers 54 Treorchy 10,* High Wycombe 37 Maidstone 13. Liverpool *St Helens 22 Stourbridge 17. Llandovery 34* Hereford 3. Metropolitan Police 10 Askeans 27. *Newbridge 46* London Welsh 0. Otley 10 Preston Grasshoppers 10. Plymouth 6 Weston-super-Mare 11. Richmond 12 London Scottish 40. Rosslyn Park 32 Reading 27. Stoke 28 Birkenhead Park 10. Wharfedale 7 Leeds 8 (abandoned after 25 mins)

CANCELLED: Aberavon v Pontypool; Kendal v Bradford and Bingley, Lydney v Bridgewater; Newcastle Emlyn v Narberth; *Tabard v Leighton Buzzard.*

Tour matches

New Zealand 73 **Canada** 7

New Zealand: Tries: Bunce 2, Ellis 2, Osborne 2, Bachop, Mehrtens, Brown, Wilson. Cons: Mehrtens 7. Pens: Mehrtens 3. Canada: Try: Stewart. Con: Ross.

(in Auckland)

Australian Capital Territory 33 Argentina XV 16 (in Canberra). Natal 25 Waikato 21 (in Durban)

Colts international

France juniors 10 **England colts** 25

(in La Teste)

Schools international

Wales U-16 10 **England U-16** 16

(at Pontypridd)

MIDDLESEX CUP: Final: Ruislip 17 Grasshoppers 10

Scotland in the driving seat in the home international lacrosse match against England at Chester on Saturday. England had the last word, winning the match 10-5 and taking the tournament. Photograph: James Morgan

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Bradford 26 **Castleford** 40

Bradford: Tries: Medley 2, Summers 2, Simpson. Goals: Fox 3. Castleford: Tries: Blackmore 2, Nikau 2, T Smith 2, Goddard, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 4. Att: 6,048.

Doncaster 16 **Workington** 50

Doncaster: Tries: Manning, Tomlinson, Williamson. Goals: Green 2. Workington: Tries: Fawcett 2, Armstrong, Ellis, P McKenzie, Mulligan, Pape, B Phillips, Riley. Goals: Marwood 7. Att: 2,875.

Featherstone 38 **Oldham** 14

Featherstone: Tries: Banquet 2, Calland, Molloy, Nixon. *Goals: Banquet 7, Gibson.* Oldham: Tries: Abram, Faimalo. Goals: Topping 3. Att: 3,284.

Salford 35 **Widnes** 18

Salford: Tries: Blakeley, Critchley, Martin, Naylor, Jonathan Quigley, Randall. Goals: Blakeley 5. Dropped goal: Lee. Widnes: Tries: Ashton, Cassidy, Harris. Goals: Rogers 3. Att: 3,094

Sheffield 32 **Halifax** 24

Sheffield: Tries: Sheridan 2, Briggs, Mycoe, Sodje. Goals: Mycoe 5. Dropped goal: Briggs 2. Halifax: Tries: Preston 2, Highton, Turner. Goals: Schuster 4. Att: 3,000

Wakefield 14 **Leeds** 30

Wakefield: Tries: McGowan, Powell. Goals: Wright 3. Leeds: Tries: Iro 2, Eyres, Harmon, Mercer, Tait. Goals: Cummins 3. Att: 5,325

Wigan 66 **Hull** 16

Wigan: Tries: Quinnell 3, Murdock 2, Offiah 2, *Cowie, Farrell, Long, Mather,* O'Connor. Goals: Farrell 9. Hull: Tries: David, Gray, Jackson. Goals: Hewitt, R Nolan. Att: 11,494.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	30	28	0	2	1148	395	56
Leeds	30	24	1	5	983	528	49
Castleford	30	20	2	8	872	554	42
St Helens	30	20	1	9	853	640	41
Halifax	30	18	2	10	782	566	38
Warrington	30	18	2	10	759	570	38
Bradford	30	17	1	12	811	650	35
Sheffield	30	15	0	15	846	898	30
Workington	30	12	1	17	538	743	25
Oldham	30	11	1	18	534	746	23
Featherstone	30	10	1	19	582	887	21
Salford	30	10	1	19	613	775	21
Wakefield	30	9	0	21	434	807	18
Widnes	30	8	1	21	461	767	17
Hull	30	7	1	22	584	890	15
Doncaster	30	5	1	24	469	1007	11

Second division

Batley	26	Hunslet	28
Bramley	20	Rochdale	40
Carlisle	23	*Ryedale York*	28
Highfield	4	Keighley	104
Huddersfield	26	Dewsbury	32
Leigh	34	Hull K R	24
Swinton	28	Barrow	15
Whitehaven	12	L Broncos	30

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	30	23	2	5	874	337	48
Batley	30	23	0	7	754	423	46
Huddersfield	30	19	3	8	870	539	41
London Broncos	30	20	1	9	732	486	41
Whitehaven	30	19	0	11	765	507	38
Rochdale	30	18	0	12	805	544	36
Dewsbury	30	17	1	12	744	538	35
Hull K R	30	16	1	13	824	516	33
Ryedale York	30	15	2	13	720	682	32
Hunslet	30	16	0	14	611	783	32
Leigh	30	12	0	18	622	787	24
Swinton	30	12	0	18	576	768	24
Bramley	30	10	0	20	554	665	20
Carlisle	30	8	0	22	546	877	16
Barrow	30	6	0	24	449	811	12
Highfield	30	1	0	29	224	1604	2

National Conference League

Premier division

Askam	6	Leigh M W	18
Egremont	20	Saddleworth	36
Wigan St Pat	15	Dudley Hill	34
Chorley	18	Haworth	30

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lock Lane	20	16	0	4	585	223	32
Millom	19	13	2	4	558	183	28
Moldgreen	19	13	2	4	580	242	28
Beverley	21	13	1	7	518	257	27
Walney Central	19	12	1	6	533	254	[illegible]
Oldham St A	20	12	1	7	518	269	[illegible]
Askam	19	12	0	7	379	275	24
Leigh East	22	9	2	11	498	328	20
East Leeds	21	9	0	12	486	482	18
Blackpool	21	4	1	16	349	551	9
Dewsbury Celtic	22	4	0	18	310	643	8
[illegible]	21	0	0	21	139	1668	0

BNFL national Cup

Semi-finals

Woolston	25	Hensingham	12
West Hull	12	Thornhill	7

WINFIELD CUP: Brisbane 13 Sydney Bulldogs 8; St George 18 North Sydney 6; Western Suburbs 18 Cronulla 14; Sydney Tigers 13 Penrith 10; Manly 34 North Queensland 14; Canberra 28 Western Reds 21; Newcastle 34 South Sydney 16; South Queensland 24 Illawarra 24; Auckland 40 Parramatta 4; Sydney City 28 Gold Coast 18.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

The hand below was reported to me by Paul Mendelson. One of his pupils (whom he described as a "one-year-old beginner") was East.

Dealer South **East-West game** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ 7 5 4 3 2
♥ K 8 2
♦ Q 6 4 3
♣ 5

West:
♠ 9 6
♥ A 5
♦ A 10 7 2
♣ A 10 6 3 2

East:
♠ J 10
♥ 9 6 3
♦ 9 8 5
♣ K J 9 8 7

South:
♠ A K Q 8
♥ Q J 10 7 4
♦ K J
♣ Q 4

S	W	N	E
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

Contract: Four Hearts by South **Lead: Ace of hearts**

West led the ace of hearts and continued the suit, declarer winning with the king of hearts in dummy. When the declarer led the five of clubs *from dummy, East brightly* went in with the king of clubs, enabling her to lead the final trump and kill the club ruff. Declarer tried cashing out the spades and leading the jack of *diamonds, planning to over*take in dummy, but West nipped in with the ace of diamonds and cashed the ace of clubs.

East's club play was well-reasoned, and unlikely to cost — if the declarer has the A Q of clubs and needs an extra trick in the suit in addition to a ruff, he will finesse the queen anyway. Where the play of the king gains is when West has *the ace and East can get in to* play the vital third round of trumps.

In the two-year-old beginners game, the declarers play a diamond to the king at trick *three. Then West is helpless —* either the declarer gets two diamond tricks or the queen of diamonds is an entry to the spades.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge every day in *The Times*.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ILIMA
a. An Aztec temple gateway
b. An outcast scarlet woman
c. A yellow shrub

MALLEIN
a. To drain or ditch
b. To inoculate against glanders
c. With sinister intent

KISKADEE
a. A fly-catcher
b. The Maori greeting
c. An embroidery stitch

MURCHANA
a. Indian scales
b. A village headman
c. A Buddhist sacred text

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Quick wins

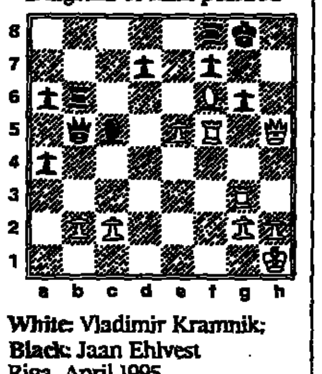
With one round to go in the *Mikhail Tal Memorial tournament* at Riga, Garry Kasparov has virtually assured himself of victory. The tournament has been notable for the large number of speedy victories. Kasparov provided *another example in the tenth* round, as did Vladimir Kramnik. The latter stood out for its explosion of sacrifices at the finish.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: *Eduard Kengis*
Riga, April 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	e6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nc6
5	Nc3	Qc7
6	Be2	a6
7	0-0	Nf6
8	Kh1	Nxd4
9	Qxd4	Bc5
10	Qd3	h5
11	Bg5	b5
12	f4	Bb7
13	e5	Nd5
14	Nxd5	Bxd5
15	a4	Qc6
16	Bf3	Bxf3
17	Rxf3	bxa4
18	f5	Rb8
19	Raf1	0-0
20	Bf6	Qb5
21	Rg3	g6
22	Qd1	exf5
23	Rxf5	Rb6
24	Qxh5	*Black resigns*

Diagram of final position



White: Vladimir Kramnik;
Black: Jaan Ehlvest
Riga, April 1995

Semi-Slav Defence

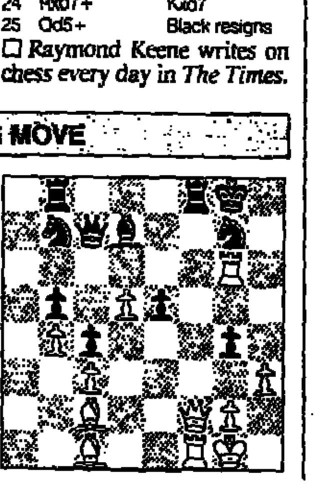
1	Nf3	d5
2	d4	Nf6
3	c4	c6
4	Nc3	e6
5	Bg5	dxc4
6	e4	b5
7	e5	h6
8	Bh4	g5
9	Nxg5	hxg5
10	Bxg5	*Nbd7*
11	g3	Qa5
12	exf6	Ba6
13	Qf3	Rc8
14	Be2	b4
15	Ne4	c5
16	d5	exd5
17	Qf5	dxe4
18	0-0-0	Rc7
19	Bg4	Bb5
20	Qxe4+	Kd8
21	Bxd7	Bxd7
22	Rhe1	Bh6
23	Qa8+	Rc8
24	Rxd7+	Kxd7
25	Qd5+	Black resigns

☐ Raymond Keene writes on *chess every day in The Times.*

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn - Short, Amsterdam 1986. White has sacrificed a piece to force open lines on the kingside. He now concluded his attack with a brilliant *tactical sequence. Can you see it?*



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RACING

NEWBURY

Going: good

2.00 (1m 3f 5yd) 1, Posidonas (T Quinn, 16-1); 2, Lucky Di (13-8 fav); 3, Nash Terrace (6-1). 8 ran. 1¾l, 2½l. P Cole. Tote: £18.40; £2.40, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £29.30. CSF: £38.98.

2.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Strategic Choice (T *Quinn, 12-1); 2, Broadway Flyer (100-30* fav); 3, Shambo (25-1). 10 ran. Nk, 3l. P Cole. Tote: £16.30; £2.50, £1.60, £6.10. DF: £18.60. Trio: £439.40. CSF: £48.16.

3.00 (7f) 1, Celtic Swing (K Darley, 4-9 fav); 2, Bahri (14-1); 3, *Moon King (16-1).* 9 ran. 1¾l, 9l. Lady Herries. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £2.00, £4.00. DF: £5.10. Trio: £36.00. CSF: £7.97.

3.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Star Manager (T Quinn, 20-1); 2, Jawaal (9-1); 3, Gadge (14-1); 4, Knobbleeneeze (25-1). Sharp Prospect 11-2 fav. 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l. P Cole. Tote: £23.10; £4.40, £2.50, £3.20, £4.00. DF: £150.80. Trio: £1,152.30. CSF: £180.43. Tricast: £2,392.31.

4.00 (1m) 1, Lyrikos (W Ryan, 14-1); 2, Abu Simbel (7-1); 3, Pinzon (6-5 fav). 24 ran. NR: Night Flare. 5l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £18.20; £5.10, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £44.80. Trio: £34.00. CSF: £110.24

4.30 (5f 34yd) 1, Kandavu (Stephen Davies, 3-1); 2, Lussuria (13-2); 3, Windswept (33-1). Cd Super Targeting 6-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: Seamasse. 2l, 1¼l. M McCormack. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.90, £3.50. DF: £8.40. Trio: £31.10. CSF: £20.41.

5.00 *(1m 4f 5yd)* 1, Monarch (T Quinn, 8-1); 2, Courbaril (12-1); 3, Deano's Beeno *(4-1). Mistinguett 15-8 fav.* 8 ran. 2½l, ¾l. P Cole. Tote: £11.10; £1.90, £3.70, £1.50. DF: £39.50. CSF: £85.19. Tricast: £402.77.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £21,537.47 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £184.30. Quadpot: £160.20.

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Going: good to firm

1.55 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Deduce (N Williamson, 6-1); 2, Island Chief (6-1); 3, Melton Pride (14-1). Livio 3-1 fav (f). 11 ran. NR: Mr Knitwit, Stormy Coral. Nk, 7l. J White. Tote: £8.10; £2.20, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £29.10. Trio: £99.70. CSF: £38.57. Tricast: £439.51.

2.25 (3m 4f hdle) 1, Master Of Troy *(Mr D* Parker, 12-1); 2, Belton (9-1); 3, Plumbob (7-1). No Pain No Gain 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Abbot Of Furness, Nicholas Plant. 10l, 2½l. C Parker. Tote: £33.00; £6.10, £3.90. DF: £93.60. Trio: £56.90. CSF: £96.35. Tricast: £739.36.

2.55 (2m ch) 1, Dancing Paddy (R Dunwoody, 13-8); 2, Morcell (4-5 fav); 3, Wee River (7-1). 3 ran. 7l, 14l. K Cunningham-Brown. Tote: £2.30. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.05

3.25 (2m hdle) 1, Home Counties *(D J* Moffatt, 7-2); 2, Simple Arithmetic (9-2); 3, Batabanoo (4-6 fav). 4 ran. 8l, 1½l. D Moffatt. Tote: £3.60. DF: £7.00. CSF: £15.21.

4.05 (4m 1f ch) 1, Willsford (R Farrant, 16-1); 2, Sweet Duke (10-1); 3, Lo Stregone (11-1); 4, Musthaveaswig (7-1 jt-fav). Arthur's Minstrel 7-1 jt-fav. 22 ran. 2l, 7l. Mrs J *Pitman.* Tote: £15.80; £3.10, £2.80, £3.30, £1.80. DF: £99.50. Trio: £296.50. CSF: £145.86. Tricast: £1,669.99

4.40 (2m 4f ch) 1, Brave Highlander (E Murphy, 9-4); 2, Master Boston (7-4 fav). 7 ran. *Only two finished.* NR: Judicious Captain, Savoy, Walls Court. ¾l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.10. Trio: £1.20. CSF: £6.35. Golden Fiddle (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in pound.

5.10 (2m flat) 1, Claverhouse (W Dwan, 8-1); 2, Clavering (8-1); 3, Bold Fountain (2-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Chipalus, Sir Turtle. 2l, 2½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £15.90; £3.60, £2.90, £1.70. DF: £65.20. Trio: £61.20. CSF: £73.06

5.40 (2m flat) 1, Exterior Profiles (K Brown, 12-1); 2, Decent Penny (14-1); 3, Ebullient *Equiname (6-5 fav).* 14 ran. 3½l, 3½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £14.30; £3.40, £3.10, £1.20. DF: £65.10. Trio: £116.50. CSF: £162.18.

Placepot: £1,434.10. Quadpot: £22.50.

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2.15 1, Sallo (14-1); 2, The Frisky Farmer (9-2); 3, Maggi For Margaret (11-8 fav). 5 ran.

2.50 1, Venture Capitalist (11-2); 2, Lago Di Varano (10-1); 3, Don't Worry Me (13-2). Bunty Boo 100-3 jt-fav. 7 ran.

3.20 1, Moments Of Fortune (2-1 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Be Mindful (7-2); 3, Sayeh (11-2). 6 ran.

3.50 1, Baynak (5-2); 2, Fox Sparrow (9-2); 3, Surrey Dancer (6-4 fav). 6 ran.

4.20 1, Nordic Doll (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Takeshi (6-1); 3, Status (4-1 jt-fav). Blasted 4-1 jt-fav. 14 ran.

4.50 1, Tenor (4-1 fav); 2, Broadstairs Beauty (11-2); 3, Ned's Bonanza (20-1). 15 ran. NR: Lord Sky.

5.20 1, Karinska (16-1); 2, Queens Consul (10-1); 3, Donna Viola (7-1). Pride Of Pendle 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

BANGOR

2.10 1, Myland (9-4 fav); 2, Kings Sermon (16-1); 3, Seymour Spy (14-1). 11 ran.

2.40 1, Spy's Delight (4-1); 2, Al Hashimi (9-4 fav); 3, Blaze Of Majesty (12-1). 8 ran.

3.10 1, Kytton Castle (5-4 fav); 2, King's Shilling (3-1); 3, Aldington Chapple (16-1). 5 ran. NR: Nadiad

3.45 1, Rimouski (12-1); 2, Fortunes Course (9-2); 3, Cunninghams Ford (6-1). Alec Wilne 5-2 fav. 10 ran. NR: Knights, Nirvana Prince.

4.15 1, Mugoni Beach (7-2); 2, Manor Rhyme (14-1); 3, On The Tear (40-1). Llacca Sam 6-4 fav. 8 ran.

4.45 1, My Nominee (11-1); 2, Belda Boy (9-1); 3, Welsh Legion (10-1). Celtic Abbey 7-4 fav. 8 ran.

ASCOT

5.15 1, Relkazona Beau (7-1); 2, Taos (6-4 fav); 3, Solo Gent (3-1). 11 ran. NR: Little Rowley

5.45 1, Shaarid (5-2 fav); 2, Crews Castle (16-1); 3, Fair Brother (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Easby Mandrina, Laughing Gas, Manamour.

6.15 1, Synderborough Lad (4-1); 2, Channels Gate (7-1); 3, Jumbeau (5-1). Romany King 100-30 fav. 9 ran.

6.45 1, Lustrino (5-1); 2, Naher (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Rich Life (16-1). Destiny Calls 5-2 jt-fav. 7 ran.

7.15 1, Leotard (1-5 fav); 2, Conbrio Star (50-1); 3, Gilbert (50-1). 8 ran. NR: I Have Him, Time Won't Wait.

7.50 1, Distant Echo (3-1); 2, Colossus Of Roads (10-1); 3, Any Minute Now (10-1). Merlins Dream 5-2 fav. 8 ran. NR: Secretary Of State.

STRATFORD

5.30 1, Beech Road (13-2); 2, Sailors Luck (13-2); 3, Canoscan (9-4 fav). 9 ran. NR: Medfelder.

6.00 1, Miss Haggis (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Martha's Daughter (7-1); 3, Absolutley Foxed (33-1). 8 ran. NR: Mariner's Air.

6.30 1, *Scottom Banks (2-1 fav);* 2, Cokenny Boy (11-4); 3, Darren The Brave (7-1). 10 ran.

7.00 1, So Hopeful (4-1); 2, Sticky Money (9-2); 3, Lucky Dollar (5-2 fav). 16 ran. NR: Blank Cheque.

7.30 1, Sandybraes (11-4 fav); 2, Golden Freeze (14-1); 3, Becque Boy (25-1). 13 ran.

8.00 1, Storm Falcon (7-1); 2, Rutland Gate (9-2 fav); 3, Another Vintage (25-1). 15 ran. NR: Aldwick Colonnade, Call The Bureau.

CUMBERLAND (Aspatria): Confined: 1, Reda Rebel (T Scott, 4-1); 2, Two For One; 3, *No Joker.* 10 ran. Mdn: 1, *Gay Vixen* (Miss K Hutchinson, 8-1); 2, Sun N Moon; 3, Weddicar Lady. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Marshalstoneswood (Miss A Bowie, 4-1); 2, Ready Steady; 3, Amber Payne. 9 ran. Open: 1, Wudimp (C Storey, 1-2 fav); 2, Press For Action; 3, South Stack. 7 ran. Mdn (5-7yo) I: 1, Blakes Folly (N Hargreave, 5-2); 2, Eild Anoir; 3, Hoofer Syd. 11 ran. Mdn (5-7yo) II: 1, Bogarts Disco (A Parker, 7-4 fav); 2, Eastlands Hi-Light; 3, Jayandoubleu. 8 ran. Restricted: 1, Alex-Path (J Townsend, 6-1); 2, Kalajo. 8 ran. Only two finished.

DARTMOOR (Flete Park): Hunt: 1, The General's Drum (K Heard, 4-6 fav); 2, Upham Close; 3, Nell's Way. 3 ran. Mdn: 1, Good King Henry (I Widdicombe, 12-1); 2, *Temporary;* 3, *Robenko.* 17 ran. Open: 1, Celtic Sport (R White, evens fav); 2, Myliege; 3, Greenwine. 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Auction Law (Mrs C Wonnacott, 1-2 fav); 2, Aristocratic Gold. Only two finished. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Colonel O'Kelly (Mrs C Wonnacott, 6-4 fav); 2, Fearsome; 3, Walkers Point. 15 ran. Restricted: 1, On Alert (Mrs C Wonnacott, evens fav); 2, Ballyshell; 3, Lonesome Traveller. 16 ran.

FITZWILLIAM (Cottenham): Hunt: 1, *If So* (Miss L Allan, 7-4 fav); 2, Stanwick Fortap; 3, Loose Wheel. 8 ran. Confined: 1, Abingdon Boy (S Andrews, 4-6 fav); 2, Fenwick; 3, Way Of Life. 8 ran. Open: 1, Who's Fooling Who (S Andrews, 4-6 fav); 2, Cockstown Lad; 3, Shannon Glen. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Richard Hunt (Miss L Rowe, 1-3 fav); 2, Counterbid; 3, So Isle. 7 ran. Restricted: 1, Just Jack (P Jonason, 8-7); 2, Cowage Brook; 3, Sunset Run. 13 ran. Mdn I: 1, Newzealandludge (C Ward, 25-1); 2, Linlithgow Palace; 3, Shelter. 12 ran. Mdn II: 1, *Dream Packet* (N Bloom, 8-1); 2, Samuel Pimsol; 3, Western Harmony. 11 ran.

MEYNELL AND SOUTH STAFFS (Sandon): Hunt: 1, Quiet Money (Miss E Guest, 2-1); 2, Greenbank Farm; 3, Rig Steel. 4 ran. Mdn: 1, Mastiff Lane (C Stockton, 4-1); 2, Furry Fox; 3, Roll-A-Dance. 15 ran. Confined: 1, Real Class (J Evans, 6-4 fav); 2, Call Me Citizen; 3, Commodity Broker. 7 ran. Open: 1, Playful Juliet (C Stockton, 10-1); 2, Equity Player; 3, Royal Greek. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Renard Quay (Miss C Wilberforce, 10-1); 2, Parkbhride; 3, Squirrellsdaughter. 8 ran. PPOA: 1, Once Off (S Crank, 5-1); 2, Granny's Lad; 3, Rinky Dinky Doo. 6 ran.

PENTYRCH (Llantwit Major): Hunt: 1, My Pilot *(J Price)* walked over. Confined: 1, La Mezeray (P Hamer, 5-4 fav); 2, Miss Equilia. 5 ran. Only two finished. Open: 1, Space Mariner (R Thaller, 20-1); 2, *Space Man;* 3, Taurean Tycoon. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones, 6-4 fav); 2, Aristos; 3, Daisy Miller. 9 ran. Restricted: 1, *Kumada* (V Hughes, 6-4 fav); 2, Construction King; 3, Gold Diver. 13 ran. Mdn: 1, Pay-U-Cash (V Hughes, 5-1); 2, Jaki's Roulette; 3, Colonel Frazer. 16 ran.

QUORN (Garthorpe): Hunt: 1, Monarrow (W Tellwright, 8-1); 2, Merlins Girl; 3, Full Song. 7 ran. Open: 1, *Ubu Val* (W Bethell, evens fav); 2, Wheal Prosper; 3, Dominica *Cross.* 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Frisco City (Miss K Holmes, 33-1); 2, High Edge Grey; 3, Settle Up. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Raise An Argument (J Docker, 5-4 fav); 2, Decent Gold; 3, City Comment. 4 ran. Restricted: 1, The Difference (M Chatterton, 4-1); 2, Lord Elerton; 3, Broadcaster. 7 ran. Mdn: 1, Executive Express (M Watson, 3-1); 2, Odysseus; 3, Chequebook Charlie. 10 ran.

SOUTH AND WEST WILTS (Larkhill): Hunt: 1, Slaney Abbey (Miss S West, 8-4); 2, Mendip Music. 3 ran. Only two finished. Mdn: 1, Pete's Sake (C Vigors, 4-7 fav); 2, Say Charlie; 3, Foxes Cross. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Spacial (Miss M Hill, 4-5 fav); 2, *Jimmy Cone;* 3, Some Dream. 4 ran. Open: 1, Celtic Spa (P Henley); 2, Sick Benedict. No starting prices. 2 ran. Confined: 1, Columcille (P Henley, 1-4 fav); 2, Weskin Hill; 3, Whatever You Like. 4 ran.

Restricted: *1, Boxcar Bill (Miss S Vickery,* 1-2 fav); 2, Bunyan Striker; 3, Baroness Belle. 4 ran.

WEST KENT (Penshurst): Hunt: 1, Prince Rua (P Blagg, 3-1); 2, Zaliot; 3, Gi Moss. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Sky Venture (P Bull, 5-2). Finished alone. 3 ran. Open: 1, Brighting Boy (P Hacking, evens fav); 2, Unique New York. 4 ran. Restricted: 1, Across The Card (A Welsh, 4-5 fav); 2, Basher Bill; 3, Hunza's Choice. 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Woody Will (Mrs E Coveney, 2-1); 2, Top-Of-The-Rock. 4 ran. Only two finished. Mdn: 1, *Drewitts Dancer* (M Gorman, 2-1); 2, Josh Ginger; 3, Huckleberry Friend. 5 ran. Open Mdn: 1, Dangerosa (A Welsh, 7-4); 2, Killarney Man; 3, Kil Kil Gale. 3 ran.

WHADDON CHASE (Kingston Blount): Pegasus Hunt: 1, Never Tasty (J Candlish, 5-2); 2, Mighty Haggis; 3, Rebelden. 7 ran. Hunt: 1, Sperrin View (T Illsley, 9-2); 2, Codger; 3, Grand Value. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Bright As A Button (J Tarry, 1-2 fav); 2, Snowfire Chap; 3, The Holy Golfer. 7 ran. Open: 1, Fine Lace (J Tarry, 4-7 fav); 2, Celtic Flame; 3, St Laycar. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Larry The Lamb (Miss G Chown, 5-2); 2, Green Archer; 3, Knight's Spur. 7 ran. Intermediate: 1, Lucky Christopher (J Tarry, 4-6 fav); 2, Cawkwell Dean; 3, Dombrell Beag. 11 ran. Mdn I: 1, Tapalong (L Lay, 33-1); 2, Robs Girl; 3, Broad Steane. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Waterhay (R Mumford, 8-1); 2, Indian Crow; 3, Miners Rest. 14 ran.

WORCESTERSHIRE (Chaddesley Corbett): Hunt: 1, Roving Report (Julian Pritchard, evens fav); 2, Bradford Bear; 3, Shadow Walker. 6 ran. Confined: 1, Tap Dancing (N Bradley, 14-1); 2, Tattlejack; 3, Bit Quik. 11 ran. Open: 1, Bond Jnr (T Mitchell, 2-1); 2, Final Pride; 3, Pont De Paix. 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Cherrynut (Miss P Curling, 1-2 fav); 2, Simple Pleasure; 3, Mister Gebo. 10 ran. Restricted: 1, Tuffnut George (A Phillips, 14-1); 2, Miss Isle; 3, Missing Maid. 17 ran. Mdn I: 1, El Mouse (S Blackwell, 10-1); 2, Flying Wild; 3, All Over The Gaff. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Calling Wild (T Mitchell, 5-2); 2, Silver Fig; 3, Sidelined. 11 ran.

YORK AND AINSTY (Easingwold): Confined: 1, Durham Hornet (Miss S Horner, 5-2); 2, Ballynick; 3, Deep Dawn. 10 ran. Open: 1, Ungham Magic (S Swiers, 1-4 fav); 2, Amy's Mystery; 3, Clonroche Driller. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, Carole's Delight (Miss L Ward, 3-1); 2, Holcombmastersider; 3, Grey Realm. 8 ran. Restricted: 1, Just Charlie (S Swiers, 4-1); 2, Finshams; 3, Rarely At Odds. 15 ran. Mdn I: Beau Gem (N Smith, 8-4 fav); 2, Dear Emily; 3, Hoopel Brig. 17 ran. Mdn II: 1, Sharpridge (B Mawhinney, 4-6 fav); 2, Jesslu; 3, Pure Madness. 9 ran. Hunt: 1, Andy (T Sharpe, 8-1); 2, Father Liam; 3, Far Grand. 8 ran.

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In association with Company Barclaycard, the United Kingdom's leading corporate charge card, we have renewed our exclusive arrangement with the Test and County Cricket Board to present *The Times* Fantasy First XI. The great strengths of last year's game, First Class XI, have been preserved. *It is up to you* to select the team you think will sweep the board. Every *first-class* run your players score and every first-class wicket they take will count towards your total. There are no artificial additives, no handicaps, no ratings, no transfer fees, just a test of your selection skills and your eye for first-class talent.

But we have introduced some big improvements. We have simplified the rules and introduced the chance to change your team during the season.

We have added the West Indies touring party to our list of overseas players, making the likes of Brian Lara, Jimmy *Adams, Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose available for* selection. We have dispensed with the captains' category and replaced the reserve system with a transfer season.

Starting on May 4, we will carry the full list of players' first-class scores and the names of the top 100 entries every Thursday, but, for the first time, we are also providing a Fantasy First XI hotline, so you can check your team's progress when it suits you.

This year, there is a new service designed to enable groups of players at home or at work to measure their selection skills against each other by forming a mini-league. You will also be able to enter an office team and try to win the Company Barclaycard TeamLeague. Full details are published below.

The rules are simple:
1) Select five batsmen.
2) Select one all-rounder.
3) Select one wicketkeeper.
4) Select four bowlers.
5) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, listed here as an all-rounder, may only be selected as an all-rounder, not as a batsman; Phillip DeFreitas is listed here as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a *seven-day* transfer season (July 12-18, when no first-class cricket is due to be played), during which you will be able to change up to four members of *your team, although your final XI must still conform to the six* rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, but, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 and those scored by the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, no changes will be allowed. No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind the *injury* records of the players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: you score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive *one point*. For each wicket they *take, you will receive 20* points. For *each dismissal* (catch or *stumping*) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be decisive. If another tie-break is necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times* Fantasy First XI panel.

Fixtures: *The Times Fantasy First XI season runs from April 13 until September 18 but the deadline for entries is noon, April 27. Postal entries must be received by April 27.* Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the season (including those played before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count. One-day games do not count.

As last year, you can enter by phone or by post. Phone calls will be charged at 39 per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

Compete against your colleagues — and with them

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

EACH week, the person who heads our list of top 100 readers' entries will win £250 and the selector of the team *which stands atop the Fantasy First XI standings at the end of the season will take our top prize of £10,000.*

But this year, for the first time, you can compete directly with colleagues at work or friends and family at home, in our new Fantasy First XI **Mini Leagues**. All you have to do is find three people who have entered Fantasy First XI (or persuade them to enter before the closing deadline of this Thursday) and then choose a manager.

The team manager can then submit to us the four Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) and we will provide regular updated **Mini League** tables throughout the season. Each month, notification will be sent to the designated manager showing the positions of all four members of the **Mini League** relative to each other. *At the end of the season you will receive a certificate to remind you of your final positions. But you will not only be competing against each other — you will also be competing as a team. The* **Mini League** *whose four members produce the highest aggregate score over the whole season will win a prize of £1,000.*

The second competition, the **Company Barclaycard Team League**, is only open to teams made up of members of the same company or office and runs over a shorter period.

The procedure is the same as above, only you must include your company name in the team name. You may add a department or branch name if you like and if you work for a *large organisation you might like to give your team a distinctive title to avoid duplication. There is no limit on the length of team names but the shorter, the better and longer ones will have to be abbreviated should they qualify for publication in The Times.*

We will provide you with *details of the relative standings in your league and the* aggregate score of all four members will count towards the **Company Barclaycard Team League**. Once a month we will publish a list showing the top 10 companies in the **Company Barclaycard Team League**. Please note that this league finishes on **August 14** and the winners will receive their prize at the Oval as guests of Company Barclaycard later that month.

To cover administration costs we are charging an entry fee of £2. This applies to both the **Mini Leagues** and the **Company Barclaycard Team League**. Cheques or postal orders should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI. Please remember that in order to make use of the mini-league service, you must enter the main game before April 27 in order to receive your PIN.

All you have to do is fill in the coupon. Don't forget to tick the box showing whether you are entering the Mini Leagues or the Company Barclaycard Team League.

Coupons and payment should be sent to The Mini League, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 ONS. *If you are entering the Company Barclaycard Team League, please mark this on the top lefthand corner of the envelope. The closing date for receipt of the coupons* is Monday, May 8 and the first bulletins will go out on approximately June 1.

There are only three days left if you want to enter Fantasy First XI. Postal entries must arrive by the close of business on Thursday. The telephone lines are open until noon that same day but don't delay too long. With only three days left, the lines are already growing busy.

Remember if your first choice players are affected by injuries or loss of form, there will be nothing you can do about replacing them until the transfer period in mid-July. All first-class runs scored and wickets taken count towards your score, including those in matches played before the closing date.

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All players must be selected according to the categories published below. Only matches designated first-class by the TCCB will count

① *In this section please enter the five batsmen* you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total

② Please enter your selected all-rounder, who *must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section*

③ Your wicketkeeper (from numbers 166-185) will score with each run and each catch or stumping

④ *In this section please enter the four bowlers* you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (186-287) as bowlers. Again, remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every wicket your bowlers take and every run they make will count towards your total

SCORING

For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

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Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

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FULL LIST OF FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-123)

Pick five players from this category

001......C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002......J C Adams (West Indians)
003......G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004......K L T Arthurton (West Indians)
005......Asif Din (Warwickshire)
006......M A Atherton (Lancashire)
007......C W J Athey (Sussex)
008......R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009......K J Barnett (Derbyshire)
010......M R Benson (Kent)
011......M G Bevan (Yorkshire)
012......D J Bicknell (Surrey)
013......T J Boon (Leicestershire)
014......P D Bowler (Somerset)
015......N E Briers (Leicestershire)
016......A D Brown (Surrey)
017......D Byas (Yorkshire)
018......S L Campbell (West Indians)
019......J D Carr (Middlesex)
020......S Chanderpaul (West Indians)
021......M Church (Worcestershire)
022......P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
023......G R Cowdrey (Kent)
024......J P Crawley (Lancashire)
025......W J Cronje (Leicestershire)
026......D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)
027......T S Curtis (Worcestershire)
028......J A Daley (Durham)
029......R I Dawson (Gloucestershire)
030......P A de Silva (Kent)
031......M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)
032......N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
033......A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
034......J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
035......M W Gatting (Middlesex)
036......G A Gooch (Essex)
037......A P Grayson (Yorkshire)
038......K Greenfield (Sussex)
039......J W Hall (Sussex)
040......T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
041......R J Harden (Somerset)
042......A N Hayhurst (Somerset)
043......G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
044......D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
045......G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
046......A J Hollioake (Surrey)
047......N Hussain (Essex)
048......* S Hutton (Durham)
049......S P James (Glamorgan)
050......P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051......M Keech (Hampshire)
052......S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053......N V Knight (Warwickshire)
054......A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)
055......B C Lara (West Indians)
056......M N Lathwell (Somerset)
057......W Larkins (Durham)
058......D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
059......N J Lenham (Sussex)
060......J J B Lewis (Essex)
061......N J Llong (Kent)
062......G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
063......J I Longley (Durham)
064......M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
065......M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)
066......G I Macmillan (Oxford Univ and Leicestershire)
067......M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
068......A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
069......T C Middleton (Hampshire)
070......A J Moles (Warwickshire)
071......* R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)
072......T M Moody (Worcestershire)
073......H Morris (Glamorgan)
074......J E Morris (Durham)
075......R S M Morris (Hampshire)
076......M D Moxon (Yorkshire)
077......M C J Nicholas (Hampshire)
078......T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
079......D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
080......B Parker (Yorkshire)
081......T L Penney (Warwickshire)
082......P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
083......J C Pooley (Middlesex)
084......P J Prichard (Essex)
085......M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
086......T A Radford (Middlesex)
087......J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)
088......R B Richardson (West Indians)
089......D D J Robinson (Essex)
090......P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
091......R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)
092......* A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
093......M A Roseberry (Durham)
094......* D Sales (Northamptonshire)
095......M Saxelby (Durham)
096......N Shahid (Surrey)
097......A Singh (Warwickshire)
098......B F Smith (Leicestershire)
099......R A Smith (Hampshire)
100......N J Speak (Lancashire)
101......M P Speight (Sussex)
102......A J Stewart (Surrey)
103......A Symonds (Gloucestershire)
104......N R Taylor (Kent)
105......V P Terry (Hampshire)
106......G P Thorpe (Surrey)
107......S P Titchard (Lancashire)
108......M E Trescothick (Somerset)
109......R G Twose (Warwickshire)
110......M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
111......* M J Walker (Kent)
112......D M Ward (Surrey)
113......T R Ward (Kent)
114......R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
115......M E Waugh (Essex)
116......A P Wells (Sussex)
117......W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
118......G W White (Hampshire)
119......J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
120......P R Whitaker (Hampshire)
121......S C Williams (West Indians)
122......* M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
123......A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (124-165)

Pick one player from this category

124......M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
125......I D Austin (Lancashire)
126......P Bainbridge (Durham)
127......* M A Butcher (Surrey)
128......C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire)
129......D G Cork (Derbyshire)
130......R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
131......K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
132......A Dale (Glamorgan)
133......P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
134......* S C Ecclestone (Somerset)
135......K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
136......M V Fleming (Kent)
137......O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
138......G A Hick (Worcestershire)
139......C L Hooper (West Indians)
140......R C Irani (Essex)
141......K D James (Hampshire)
142......S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
143......C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
144......G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
145......Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)
146......D J Nash (Middlesex)
147......A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
148......M Prabhakar (Durham)
149......D A Reeve (Warwickshire)
150......G D Rose (Somerset)
151......A W Smith (Surrey)
152......N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
153......P A Smith (Warwickshire)
154......J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
155......F D Stephenson (Sussex)
156......J P Stephenson (Hampshire)
157......C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
158......S D Udal (Hampshire)
159......Wasim Akram (Lancashire)
160......M Watkinson (Lancashire)
161......G Welch (Warwickshire)
162......C M Wells (Derbyshire)
163......V J Wells (Leicestershire)
164......P N Weekes (Middlesex)
165......C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Pick one player from this category

166......A N Aymes (Hampshire)
167......R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
168......K R Brown (Middlesex)
169......M A Garnham (Essex)
170......W K Hegg (Lancashire)
171......G J Kersey (Surrey)
172......K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
173......S A Marsh (Kent)
174......C P Metson (Glamorgan)
175......P Moores (Sussex)
176......J R Murray (West Indians)
177......P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
178......W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
179......K J Piper (Warwickshire)
180......S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
181......D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
182......R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
183......N F Sargeant (Surrey)
184......C W Scott (Durham)
185......R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (186-287)

Pick four players from this category

186......J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
187......* U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)
188......C E L Ambrose (West Indians)
189......S J W Andrew (Essex)
190......M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
191......A A Barnett (Lancashire)
192......S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
193......S J Base (Derbyshire)
194......J D Batty (Somerset)
195......J E Benjamin (Surrey)
196......K C G Benjamin (West Indians)
197......W K M Benjamin (West Indians)
198......M P Bicknell (Surrey)
199......J Boiling (Durham)
200......* J N B Bovill (Hampshire)
201......J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
202......M Broadhurst (Nottinghamshire)
203......S J E Brown (Durham)
204......A R Caddick (Somerset)
205......G Chapple (Lancashire)
206......J H Childs (Essex)
207......C A Connor (Hampshire)
208......N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
209......K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
210......* D M Cousins (Essex)
211......N G Cowans (Hampshire)
212......D M Cox (Durham)
213......R P Davis (Warwickshire)
214......M Dimond (Somerset)
215......A A Donald (Warwickshire)
216......M A Ealham (Kent)
217......J E Emburey (Middlesex)
218......M Feltham (Middlesex)
219......M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
220......D P J Flint (Hampshire)
221......M J Foster (Northamptonshire)
222......A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
223......E S H Giddins (Sussex)
224......D Gough (Yorkshire)
225......F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
226......P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
227......D W Headley (Kent)
228......E E Hemmings (Sussex)
229......J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire)
230......J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)
231......A P Igglesden (Kent)
232......R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
233......M C Ilott (Essex)
234......P W Jarvis (Sussex)
235......R L Johnson (Middlesex)
236......* G Keedy (Lancashire)
237......N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)
238......A Kumble (Northamptonshire)
239......D R Law (Sussex)
240......R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
241......* J D Lewry (Sussex)
242......S Lugsden (Durham)
243......M J McCague (Kent)
244......D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
245......N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)
246......P J Martin (Lancashire)
247......R J Maru (Hampshire)
248......D J Millns (Leicestershire)
249......A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
250......T A Munton (Warwickshire)
251......P J Newport (Worcestershire)
252......G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
253......M M Patel (Kent)
254......R M Pearson (Essex)
255......D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
256......R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
257......A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
258......A C S Pigott (Surrey)
259......V J Pike (Gloucestershire)
260......N V Radford (Worcestershire)
261......A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
262......M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
263......I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
264......K J Shine (Middlesex)
265......* C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
266......G C Small (Warwickshire)
267......A M Smith (Gloucestershire)
268......* V Solanki (Worcestershire)
269......J Srinath (Gloucestershire)
270......H H Streak (Hampshire)
271......I G S Steer (Derbyshire)
272......R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
273......P M Such (Essex)
274......J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
275......S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
276......M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
277......H R J Trump (Somerset)
278......P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
279......A P van Troost (Somerset)
280......C A Walsh (West Indians)
281......A E Warner (Derbyshire)
282......S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
283......N F Williams (Essex)
284......R C Williams (Gloucestershire)
285......J Wood (Durham)
286......G Yates (Lancashire)
297......* R S Yeabsley (Oxford Univ and Middlesex)

Bold type overseas player
* rising star

PICK ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY

You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
188: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
004: K L T Arthurton (batsman)
196: K C G Benjamin (bowler)
197: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
011: M G Bevan (batsman)
128: C L Cairns (all-rounder)
018: S L Campbell (batsman)
020: S Chanderpaul (batsman)
025: W J Cronje (batsman)
026: D J Cullinan (batsman)
030: P A de Silva (batsman)
215: A A Donald (bowler)
137: O D Gibson (all-rounder)
139: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
239: A Kumble (bowler)
055: B C Lara (batsman)
072: T M Moody (batsman)
176: J R Murray (wicketkeeper)
145: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
146: D J Nash (all-rounder)
148: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
088: R B Richardson (batsman)
272: J Srinath (bowler)
155: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
270: H H Streak (bowler)
280: C A Walsh (bowler)
159: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)
115: M E Waugh (batsman)
121: S C Williams (batsman)

Rising stars

187: U Afzaal (bowler)
200: J N B Bovill (bowler)
127: M A Butcher (all-rounder)
210: D M Cousins (bowler)
134: S Ecclestone (all-rounder)
048 S Hutton (batsman)
236: G Keedy (bowler)
241: J D Lewry (bowler)
071: R R Montgomerie (batsman)
092: A S Rollins (batsman)
094: D Sales (batsman)
265: C E W Silverwood (bowler)
268: V Solanki (bowler)
111: M J Walker (batsman)
122. M G N Windows (batsman)
287: R S Yeabsley (bowler)

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GEORGE WILKIE

Willsford, centre, holds a prominent early position on his way to victory in the Stakis Scottish Grand National at Ayr on Saturday

Case against Nottingham goes flat

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

As the classic trials come and go, the National Hunt world has been absorbed with its own process of evaluation. As ever, the central figure has been David Nicholson, who is orchestrating a campaign to save jump racing at Nottingham.

The guillotine has been raised for four weeks. Yet at a board meeting last week, the executive merely offered a stay of execution. Nottingham is to fulfil its National Hunt commitments for the next 14 months, after which it proposes to concentrate solely on Flat racing.

Not surprisingly, this will not appease Nicholson and his acolytes. Further protests are inevitable. Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), which owns Nottingham, says the move is borne of financial necessity. Flat racing affords the opportunity to move into the black.

The conflict is one of realism against hope, of fact against fantasy, of business against pleasure. Herein lies the rub: in recent years, racing's administrators have embraced the former against the latter. The imbroglio over Nottingham demonstrates that jump racing has not.

Before announcing its intentions, RHT made efforts to improve its fixture list. In terms of attendance, the least profitable racing days are the weekday fixtures: no fewer than 17 of Nottingham's 26 fixtures fall on those days. Compensation is forthcoming from the Horserace Betting Levy Board, which increases "incentive" payments on unfavourable days.

RHT attempted to exchange the "incentive" for fewer handouts and a greater opportunity to attract paying customers. Yet the sport is so locked into this mechanism that RHT was ultimately frustrated.

Even with more Saturday dates, Nottingham racecourse is situated within a mile of two football stadiums. Competition for the paying customer is fierce. Hence the wish to convert to Flat racing in summer: away from the football season, and into the territory of evening fixtures. The average paying attendance for a jump meeting is 945; the course has attracted 6,000 to its evening Flat meetings. Viewed in this light, the full-time switch to Flat racing brooks no argument.

That is not to say National Hunt enthusiasts should be elbowed out: far from it. Ten of RHT's 12 racecourses are dependent on the prosperity of jump racing. The trust welcomes vociferous protests from the jump fraternity, which have served to underline the code's problems. But this is a matter for the British Horseracing Board (BHB), not Nottingham.

In this respect, the board has behaved as jump racing's white knight. It has insisted on no net loss of jumps fixtures; it is effectively playing the last line of defence. Yet only the BHB has the power to institute wide-ranging changes that have now become necessary for jump racing to thrive again.

Some have dared suggest the BHB does not really care about jump racing. That is an appalling accusation, one utterly without foundation. The fact is that jump racing revolves around Cheltenham to an unhealthy degree. Consequently, the sport's flagship horses are underraced. When they do run, there are too many opportunities to avoid each other. Trainers are partly to blame, although the onus is on the BHB to deny them such choice.

This scenario is typical of the jumping code's problems. If the spat over Nottingham serves to focus the mind, it will have been time well spent. The case against Nottingham has no foundation, unless the Fairy Godmother descends from the skies with her magic wand of subsidy.

Bond Jnr lands Lady Dudley Cup

POINT-TO-POINT
BY BRIAN BEEL

RICHARD BARBER continued to dominate the point-to-point scene with victories in the Lady Dudley Cup and the ladies' open at the **Worcestershire** on Saturday.

In the Lady Dudley, Evan Williams led on Final Pride after the sixth and set out to make the remainder of the running, chased by Pont De Paix and Ask Frank. Pont De Paix, under Julian Pritchard, hit five out, which did nothing to help his cause, and Harry Wheeler was making little progress on Ask Frank when Bond Jnr came on to the scene with three to jump.

Kim Mitchell asked for his effort on Bond Jnr between the last two fences and, having made up a six-length deficit, went on to win by four lengths.

Bond Jnr started the season by falling with Polly Curling at Larkhill and Mike Felton fared no better at the South Dorset. However, since then Barber has got him jumping well and this was his third successive win.

Curling had no trouble riding her 31st winner of the season with Cherrynut in the ladies', but then things went wrong for her. She was clear at the last on See More Business when he fell in the restricted, and she later came to grief at the first on the favourite, Marion's Own, in division one of the maiden. She gave up her ride in the next on Calling Wild to Mitchell and he duly won, the five-year-old creating a favourable impression on his debut.

Jim Tarry regained fourth in the riders' table with a treble at the **Bicester**, but there was no joy for the leader, Alastair Crow, at the **Meynell**.

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BERNARD SEVEN
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THUNDERER

2.15 Dark Shot
2.45 Code Of Silence
3.15 Baileys Sunset
3.45 Khamaseen
4.10 **NIGEL'S LAD (nap)**
4.45 Mizyan
5.15 Lam Fort

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 **POLTARF (nap)**. 4.45 **Mizyan**.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT PATCHES IN STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 OVAL SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

101 (6) 3-51351 DARK SHOT 13 (V,D,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 9-2 ... J Carroll 88
102 (7) 00- CHOSEN MAN 255 (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 8-11 ... S Morris —
103 (11) 0-50000 DAILY CHALLENGER 11 (Haggswood Pinrs) R Thompson 8-11 ... N Connorton 82
104 (15) 214260 DOWDENCY 9 (G) (P Till) J Pickering 8-11 ... N Carlisle 82
105 (8) 0 EL TAURUS 56 (The Forebox) K Wingrove 8-11 ... J McLaughlin —
106 (2) 0460- FORTUNES LEAP 193 (M & N Plant Ltd) Mrs L Murphy 8-11 ... S Drowne (5) 74
107 (9) FUZZY (Mrs D Kettlewell) S Kettlewell 8-11 ... N Rodgers —
108 (13) 050-5 KENCOL 14 (C Smith) A Foster 8-11 ... J Weaver 90
109 (12) 00 RED O'REILLY 21 (Mrs P Waldron) Mrs N Macauley 8-11 ... Dale Gibson —
110 (3) 0040-66 RUPERT'S PRINCESS 9 (S) (F Sanctbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... Stephen Davies 83
111 (10) 0- SAATCHMO 257 (G Tregown) J Spearing 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 63
112 (17) DANIEL'S LASS (Bradnock Syndicate) C Allen 8-6 ... J Quinn —
113 (14) 06-006 GOVERNOR'S LASS 14 (Mrs G Smith) S Dow 8-6 ... W Ryan 76
114 (5) 460- LA DAMA 186 (R Cook) G Oldroyd 8-6 ... M McAndrew ■
115 (4) 030550 LAWNSWOOD LADY 13 (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 8-6 ... D Harrison 75
116 (16) 3-658 TAEL OF SILVER 37 (A Bonddon) K Burke 8-6 ... D R McCabe (3) 61
117 (1) 300-606 TISH 17 (B) (M Kelly) A Smith 8-6 ... M Birch 61

BETTING: 7-4 Dark Shot, 7-1 Rupert's Princess, 8-1 Dowdency, 10-1 Daily Challenger, Governor's Lass, Fortunes Leap, 12-1 Kencol, La Dama, 14-1 Tael Of Silver, 16-1 others.

1994: DORIS DOORS 8-6 D Harrison (11-2) Lord Huntingdon 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

DARK SHOT beat Acton Manor neck in seller at Southwell (AW, 6f) with LAWNSWOOD LADY 8¾l 9th. DOWDENCY 1½l 2nd to Noor El Houdah in seller at Leicester (6f, soft) with RUPERT'S PRINCESS 1¾l 6th, GOVERNOR'S LASS 11l 12th and TISH 17l 17th. KENCOL 5¼l 5th to Baileys Sunset in claimer at Folkestone (5f, good to firm) with GOVERNOR'S LASS (11lb worse off) ¾l 6th. RUPERT'S PRINCESS 9¼l 6th to Bold Frontier in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). TAEL OF SILVER 8¼l 6th to David James Girl in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f). TISH 13¾l 6th to Bolshoi in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
Selection: DARK SHOT

2.45 EDGBASTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,731: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

201 (1) 00-1 BOLSHOI 17 (F) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 9-7 ... J Carroll 86
202 (11) 001224- RUNS IN THE FAMILY 179 (D,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 9-3 ... D Harrison 84
203 (7) 0200-00 SOUTH SOUND 4 (I Wight) R Hannon 9-2 ... K Darley 91
204 (16) 0446-03 MEDIA EXPRESS 20 (G) (M Al-Shuaibi) T Mills 8-13 ... J Reid 91
205 (3) 643-06 THE CAPE DOCTOR 93 (D Armitage) A Foster 8-11 ... D Holland 86
206 (5) 144000- BOWDEN ROSE 209 (D,F) (Lowe Bowden Synd) M Blanshard 8-11 ... Stephen Davies 88
207 (2) 344003- ROSA BONHEUR 189 (Mrs M Taylor) M Jarvis 8-11 ... L Dettori 87
208 (6) 0060- BLUSHING GRENADIER 170 (M F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 ... F Norton 80
209 (20) 000-0 VOILA PREMIERE 20 (B Gadie) M Tompkins 8-9 ... P Robinson 80
210 (17) 325050- LA BOSSETTE 189 (A Robinson) J Arnold 8-9 ... J Weaver 80
211 (4) 20-1442 DAS ISLAND 30 (D,G) (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 8-7 ... W Ryan 90
212 (18) 000-0 THE KINGS RANSOM 23 (M Simmonds) Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 ... K Fallon —
213 (19) 350060- MAGICAL MANOEUVERS 182 (G Chapman) B McMahon 8-6 ... J Fortune 91
214 (13) 50-43 ALUTE 26 (C Brittain) C Brittain 8-4 ... M Birch 92
215 (14) 0-00 SECRET MISS 20 (N Coverdale) A Jarvis 8-3 ... N Carlisle 80
216 (15) 433540 PRINCE RUDOLF 25 (B,D,G) (J Colling) Mrs N Macauley 8-2 ... J Quinn 89
217 (10) 40200-5 CODE OF SILENCE 18 (V) (Arctic Finns) B Palling 7-13 ... T Sprake ■
218 (8) 000- LA THUILE 171 (G Middlebrook) M Usher 7-13 ... C Adamson (7) 80
219 (9) 36503-3 CEDAR DANCER 14 (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-11 ... Amanda Sanders (7) 85
220 (12) 040000- THE MESTRAL 228 (T Corby) M Ryan 7-10 ... M Baird (5) 86

BETTING: 5-1 Bolshoi, 7-1 Runs In The Family, 8-1 Code Of Silence, South Sound, 10-1 Rosa Bonheur, Alute, 12-1 Cedar Dancer, Das Island, Media Express, 14-1 others.

1994: NORDIC BRAVE 8-9-6 A Munro (25-1) M Brittain 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLSHOI beat Showery 1¾l in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). RUNS IN THE FAMILY 2¾l 4th to Gallows Corner in nursery over course and distance (good). MEDIA EXPRESS two necks 3rd to Denbrae in handicap over course and distance (good) with SOUTH SOUND (3lb better off) 4½l 7th and VOILA PREMIERE (9lb better off) 8l 16th. ROSA BONHEUR 3¾l 3rd to Silver Tzar in maiden auction at Folkestone (7f, firm). DAS ISLAND 3½l 2nd to Maid Welcome in rated stakes at Lingfield (AW, 7f). ALUTE 2½l 3rd to Bencher Q C in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 7f). CODE OF SILENCE 4½l 5th to Roseate Lodge in seller at Leicester (7f, good). CEDAR DANCER ¾l 3rd of 7 to Bonita in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to firm).
Selection: BOLSHOI

3.15 LORDS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,947: 5f 13yd) (9 runners)

301 (5) 14206-3 BEST KEPT SECRET 9 (D,F,G,S) (Manny Bernstein Ltd) J Berry 4-9-10 ... J Carroll 87
302 (4) 05-0304 SISON 60 (D,G) (M Foulger) K Wingrove 5-9-0 ... J McLaughlin 83
303 (2) 4506-54 RANDOM 24 (D,G) (A Waldie) C James 4-8-13 ... J Weaver 83
304 (3) 0-05000 GREY TOPPA 15 (D,F,G) (R Wheatley) N Littmoden 4-8-11 ... T G McLaughlin (5) 80
305 (9) 4400-23 HARRY'S COMING 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 11-8-10 ... S Drowne (5) 79
306 (1) 000-000 LAST STRAW 56 (D,G) (Martin Pound Racing Ltd) B Preece 7-8-10 ... J Stack (5) 65
307 (6) 622241 BAILEYS SUNSET 14 (D,F,G) (G Bailey Ltd) M Johnston 3-8-5 ... D Holland ■
308 (8) 0/40008- LUCY'S GOLD 231 (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-5 ... M Baird (5) —
309 (7) 4500-50 ONEINEVERYCOLOUR 54 (CD,F) (M Lawrence) P Evans 3-7-9 ... Martin Dwyer (7) 90

BETTING: 2-1 Baileys Sunset, 7-2 Best Kept Secret, 5-1 Harry's Coming, Random, 7-1 Sison, 8-1 others.

1994: PLAIN FACT 9-9-6 Paul Eddery (7-2) J Hills 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEST KEPT SECRET 1l 3rd of 6 to Efficacy in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). SISON 3¼l 4th of 6 to Tenor in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f) with RANDOM (2lb better off) neck 5th. RANDOM 4l 4th of 7 to Spender in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f). HARRY'S COMING 3l 3rd of 9 to Bashful Brave in rated stakes at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). BAILEYS SUNSET beat Noosa 1½l in 8-runner claimer at Folkestone (5f, good to firm). LUCY'S GOLD 6½l 6th of 9 to Tyrian Purple in claimer at Southwell (AW, 5f).
Selection: BAILEYS SUNSET (nap)

3.45 MICHELOZZO CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,909: 1m 6f 15yd) (6 runners)

401 (4) 151151- CASTLE COURAGEOUS 236 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Mumford) Lady Herries 8-9-10 ... J Reid 80
402 (2) 014013- POLTARF 201 (D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-9-6 ... W Ryan 83
403 (3) 03663-6 LINPAC WEST 30 (G,S) (Ms K Jarsen) C W C Elsey 9-9-2 ... J Carroll 85
404 (5) 342210- THE FLYING PHANTOM 170 (D,F,S) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 4-9-2 ... P Robinson 78
405 (6) 12500-3 KHAMASEEN 30 (C,BF,S) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 4-8-11 ... L Dettori ■
406 (1) 2/04240- BLUE JUDGE 191 (G) (Mrs H Al Sabah) R Thompson 5-8-10 ... J Weaver 90

BETTING: 2-1 Khamaseen, 11-4 Poltarf, 7-2 Castle Courageous, 5-1 Linpac West, 10-1 others.

1994: KASSAB 4-9-6 W Carson (11-8 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASTLE COURAGEOUS beat Palmetto Express 1¾l in 7-runner listed race at Baden-Baden (2m, good to soft). POLTARF beat Tethys 7l in 6-runner conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. LINPAC WEST 13l 3rd of 6 to Zilzal Zamaan in listed race at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. THE FLYING PHANTOM beat Purple Splash 9l in 5-runner conditions race at York (1m 6f, soft) on penultimate start with POLTARF (1lb worse off) 8l 3rd. KHAMASEEN 6l 3rd of 11 to Fire Worshipper in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with LINPAC WEST 3l 6th.
Selection: KHAMASEEN

4.15 HEADINGLEY LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,302: 1m 1f 213yd) (7 runners)

501 (6) 140-011 BUSY BANANA 7 (C,D,F,G) (P Savill) R Hannon 9-1 ... K Darley ■
502 (1) 121402 NIGEL'S LAD 9 (D,G) (N Dunnington) P Haslam 9-1 ... J Stack (5) 87
503 (5) 00-0 KAF 19 (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-11 ... L Dettori 77
504 (3) 000- MUTAZZ 182 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-11 ... M Birch 78
505 (7) 000-0 SIMPLY SIMON 25 (T Beston) K Burke 8-11 ... S O'Shea (7) —
506 (4) 54251-0 LUCIDITY 32 (G) (G Reed) C Thornton 8-6 ... Dean McKeown 86
507 (2) 000000- CRANBROOK KATE 149 (M Wadsworth) J Mackie 8-6 ... J Quinn —

BETTING: 5-4 Busy Banana, 6-4 Nigel's Lad, 7-1 Kaf, 12-1 Mutazz, Lucidity, 25-1 Simply Simon, Cranbrook Kate.

1994: BABY LOVES 9-0 Paul Eddery (5-1) Mrs J Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BUSY BANANA beat Harry Browne 5l in 19-runner handicap here (1m, good to firm). NIGEL'S LAD 2½l 2nd of 11 to Muraja in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). KAF 22l 8th of 16 to Lucky Di in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to soft). MUTAZZ 13l 9th of 13 to Quintus Decimus in maiden at Lingfield (7f, soft). LUCIDITY ½l 2nd of 7 (awarded race) to Majra in maiden at Edinburgh (1m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BUSY BANANA

4.45 TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP (£4,037: 1m 6f 15yd) (13 runners)

601 (5) 432000- WINGS COVE 23J (D,F) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 5-9-12 ... J Reid 90
602 (13) 626611- CUANGO 181 (F,G,S) (Baroucha Stud Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-10 ... W Ryan 96
603 (7) 511620- MOSHAAJIR 257 (D,F,G) (S Macdonald) C Smith 5-9-6 ... J Stack (5) 80
604 (6) 1/00545- SMUGGLER'S POINT 17J (D,F) (M Hickey) J Bridger 5-9-1 ... J Weaver 89
605 (9) 014/-241 MIZYAN 13 (D,G) (J Bianchi) J Banks 7-8-10 ... L Dettori 90
606 (10) 153422- LA SPEZIA 271 (F,G) (D Sloan) M Blanshard 5-8-10 ... Stephen Davies 87
607 (2) 61-0054 RAPPORTEUR 18 (F,G,S) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 9-8-6 ... D Harrison 97
608 (12) /0640/0- VASILIEV 7J (V,G) (R Houlton) S Gollings 7-8-5 ... Dean McKeown —
609 (1) 210-000 NEW INN 17 (G,S) (Mrs C Sharratt) E Weymes 4-8-3 ... K Darley ■
610 (11) 322101- SPECIAL RISK 179 (CD,G,S) (M Lee Partnership) R Akehurst 5-8-0 ... J Quinn 92
611 (4) 040560- GOLDEN STAR 35J (D Travers-Clark) M W Easterby 4-7-10 ... Martin Dwyer (7) 96
612 (3) 0-50041 SWORDKING 7 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Lavender Hill Ltd) J L Harris 6-7-9 (4ex) ... Dale Gibson 98
613 (8) 04050-6 MEMORABLE 7 (D,G,S) (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 4-7-7 ... N Carlisle 91

Long handicap: Memorable 7-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Special Risk, 5-1 Mizyan, 6-1 Swordking, 7-1 Wings Cove, 8-1 Cuango, 10-1 others.

1994: ELAINE TULLY 6-9-9 J Reid (2-1 fav) P Hobbs 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUANGO beat Bahrain Star 1¼l in 11-runner handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to soft). MIZYAN beat La Menorquina 1l in 10-runner handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 6f) with SWORDKING (1lb worse off) 22½l 4th. LA SPEZIA 3l 2nd of 3 to Farringdon Hill in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good to firm). SPECIAL RISK beat Tegwen neck in 19-runner handicap over course and distance (good). SWORDKING beat Seize The Day neck in 17-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with MEMORABLE (2lb better off) 11l 6th.
Selection: SPECIAL RISK

5.15 NOTTINGHAM LADY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,519: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

1 (12) 0/53310- TELOPEA 226 (D,G) (Grosvenor Ltd) H Candy 4-11-7 ... Mrs C Dunwoody (7) 92
2 (22) 4003-01 CREDIT SQUEEZE 18 (D,F,G) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-1 ... Miss E J-Houghton 96
3 (1) 60300-0 SHARAAR 18 (B,D,G,S) (M Olden) J Spearing 5-10-12 ... Miss T Spearing (4) 96
4 (8) 00000-0 GALLARDINI 24J (D,G,S) (S Hotson) B Rothwell 6-10-11 ... Miss Alex McCabe (7) —
5 (19) 242-110 QUEENS STROLLER 18 (G) (R Berenson) C C Elsey 4-10-5 ... Miss A Elsey 93
6 (6) 005600- MR DEVIOUS 163 (D,F,G,S) (R Devlin) P Hobbs 4-10-4 ... Mrs S Hobbs (4) 93
7 (18) 060242- AYUNLI 285 (I Southcott) S Williams 4-10-4 ... Miss K Wright (7) 88
8 (4) 012520- RIPSNORTER 247 (C,G,S) (P Purdy) J Bennett 6-10-3 ... Miss A Purdy (4) 84
9 (13) 050465- ALLMOSA 147 (F,G) (Dardaso Four Two) T Naughton 6-10-3 ... Mrs J Naughton (4) 92
10 (7) 0/0-0600 HAROLDON 18 (CD,F,G) (Lamb Brook Assoc) B Palling 6-10-2 ... Miss E J Jones (4) 96
11 (16) 6030-60 IKIS GIRL 17 (I Stewart) S Gollings 4-9-13 ... Mrs J M Gollings (7) 97
12 (2) 016000- BAJAN 191 (S) (T Sinclair) Lady Herries 4-9-12 ... Mrs M Cowdrey 94
13 (3) 04-3141 LARN FORT 18 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Development Ltd) C Fairhurst 5-9-11 ... Mrs S Bosley 94
14 (15) 111125 NO SUBMISSION 24 (D,G,S) (T Redman) D Chapman 9-9-9 ... Miss R Clark (4) 93
15 (23) 6050-00 BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 16 (Mrs J Morris) J Glover 4-9-8 ... Miss P Jones 96
16 (5) 4-10600 SCOTTISH PARK 11 (D,F,G,S) (Clearform Ltd) R Emery 6-9-3 ... Miss J Winter 93
17 (9) 040050- BREEZED WELL 231 (F,G) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 9-9-3 ... Mrs H Noonan (4) 90
18 (17) 000/40 CHEVELEY DANCER 14 (G Jackson) D Wilson 7-9-2 ... Miss J Allison 94
19 (10) 245025 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 14 (D,G) D Thom 6-9-0 ... Miss Diana Jones ■
20 (14) 006000- BRESIL 115J (P Sweeting) K Burke 6-9-0 ... Mrs H Sweeting (7) —
21 (11) 553500 ROYAL ACCLAIM 14 (V,F,G,S) (J Bradley) J Bradley 10-9-0 ... Mrs D McHale (4) 90
22 (21) 0/000-0 SURE TO WIN 91 (G) (Mrs S Brown) J Carr 6-9-0 ... Miss L Barrett (7) —
23 (20) 306500- BILL AND WIN 114J (S Pickering) K White 4-9-0 ... Miss A Anderson (7) 98

Long handicap: Royal Acclaim 8-12, Sure To Win 8-9, Bill And Win 8-8

BETTING: 6-1 Larn Fort, 7-1 Bajan, Credit Squeeze, 8-1 Queens Stroller, 10-1 No Submission, Ayunli, 12-1 Captain Marmalade, Telopea, 14-1 Broughton's Pride, Haroldon, 16-1 Sharaar, 20-1 others.

1994: TULU 3-8-10 Miss F Haynes (9-2) Mrs J Ramsden 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

CREDIT SQUEEZE beat Mr Browning 5l in 17-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good). QUEENS STROLLER beat Jemima Puddleduck head in 14-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good) on penultimate start with CHEVELEY DANCER (5lb better off) 3¾l 4th. AYUNLI 4l 2nd of 10 to Exotic Forest in handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good). LARN FORT beat Mincer Glory ¾l in 16-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm) with BROUGHTON'S PRIDE (6lb better off) 3¾l 8th. CAPTAIN MARMALADE 2¾l 5th of 15 to Krayyan Dawn in amateurs handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm) with ROYAL ACCLAIM (2lb worse off) 1¼l 7th and CHEVELEY DANCER 11l 8th.
Selection: LARN FORT

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	25	64	39.1	D Harrison	10	48	20.8
M Johnston	7	35	20.0	L Dettori	27	142	19.0
J Dunlop	17	93	18.3	P Robinson	10	65	15.4
R Akehurst	5	32	15.6	T Sprake	6	43	14.0
Mrs J Ramsden	11	75	14.7	W Ryan	19	143	13.3
M Ryan	5	37	13.5	K Fallon	8	62	12.9

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
5.30 Jack Sound. 6.00 Rich Desire. 6.30 Bo Knows Best. 7.00 Nadjati. 7.30 Camelot Knight. 8.00 Cadougold.

Brian Beel: 5.30 Jack Sound.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

5.30 APRIL NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,126: 3m) (6 runners)

1 -111 COOME HILL 32 (G,S) W Dennis 6-12-3 ... T Dennis (7)
2 -2U3 DUBIT 19 (S) R Windsor 10-12-0 ... Miss S Vickery (7)
3 111S JACK SOUND 18P (F,G,S) Mrs M Evans 9-12-6 ... E Williams (7)
4 253P KERRY HILL 25 (B) R Davies 9-12-0 ... M Jackson (7)
5 -PP0 THE MERRY GAMBLER 32 (S) L Grassick 13-12-0 ... J Grassick (7)
6 4112 WESTERLANDS QUEEN 15P (G) H Manners 8-11-9 ... A Charles-Jones (7)

6-4 Coome Hill, 7-4 Jack Sound, 7-2 Dubit, 12-1 Kerry Hill, 16-1 Westerlands Queen, 33-1 The Merry Gambler.

6.00 DEBUTANTES MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,514: 2m 4f 110yd) (20)

1 1PD0 G'IME A BUZZ 13 (G,S) M Pipe 7-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
2 -1502 RICH DESIRE 9 (B,F,S) F Murphy 6-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 0PP/ AVONA CROSS 736 S Jacobs 7-11-0 ... Mr R Payne
4 5SP3 BALLAGH COUNTESS 12 (F) C Barwell 8-11-0 ... B Clifford
5 0P BROUGHTON LADY 70 T Forster 5-11-0 ... R Farrant
6 -P6F CAIPIRINHA 7 S Christian 7-11-0 ... G Upton
7 -F23 GALA'S PRIDE 7 N Twiston-Davies 8-11-0 ... C Llewellyn
8 HARVEST VIEW C Brooks 5-11-0 ... D Gallagher
9 522/ INSTIGATE 719 (F) J Edwards 7-11-0 ... N Williamson
10 0 LUCYLENCO 47 J Gifford 5-11-0 ... P Hide
11 50P MALFORD MADAM 74 R Hawker 5-11-0 ... Lorna Vincent
12 -002 MISS DISKIN 32 R Buckler 6-11-0 ... B Powell
13 00P OVER YONDER 7 J Edwards 5-11-0 ... Mr M Daly (7)
14 0534 POLLY MINOR 30 G Enright 6-11-0 ... J Railton
15 0PP- SACHA STAR 474 B Palling 5-11-0 ... M Sharratt
16 P0P SHEFFORD 9 (B) M Keener 5-11-0 ... L Harvey
17 F-5 STRATTON FLYER 9 H Howe 5-11-0 ... Guy Lewis (5)
18 0-05 TRUSTINO 13 C Nash 7-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh
19 -050 WINDSOR FOX 98 J Mullins 5-11-0 ... S Curran (3)
20 033 THE FROG LADY 12 D Arbuthnot 4-10-7 ... Peter Hobbs

5-1 Rich Desire, 6-1 G'Ime A Buzz, Gala's Pride, 7-1 The Frog Lady, Instigate, Harvest View, 8-1 Caipirinha, 10-1 others.

6.30 REYNARD NOVICES CHASE (£3,019: 2m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 31P1 BO KNOWS BEST 23 (D,F,S) G L Moore 6-11-13 ... N Williamson
2 12F2 RAINBOW CASTLE 7 (D,G) J Gifford 8-11-7 ... P Hide
3 2012 TOO PLUSH 30 (S) A Turnell 6-11-7 ... L Harvey
4 -P00 EIGHTY EIGHT 12 Mrs H Dowson 10-11-1 ... D Leahy (3)
5 R00R GOLD GLEN 12 P Mabin 7-11-1 ... B Clifford
6 P-PF STORMY FASHION 12 M McCormack 8-11-1 ... I Lawrence
7 000U WELSH'S GAMBLE 7 J Old 8-11-1 ... T Grantham
8 R344 WILLIE MCGARR 7 (G,S) Mrs D Thomas 10-11-1 ... R Farrant

5-4 Bo Knows Best, 3-1 Too Plush, 7-2 Rainbow Castle, 6-1 Welsh's Gamble, 16-1 Stormy Fashion, 33-1 Gold Glen, 50-1 Eighty Eight, Willie McGarr.

7.00 HANCOCKS HB HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,858: 2m 110yd) (6) SKY

1 /5-6 SABAKI RIVER 31 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 11-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 -305 MALAIA 19 (D,S) J Old 5-11-4 ... T Grantham
3 P302 SOUTHAMPTON 9 (V,D,F,G,S) G Balding 5-11-4 ... A P McCoy
4 22U3 NADJATI 9 (D,F) D Gandolfo 8-11-2 ... M Dwyer
5 -PP4 JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 12 (D,G) W G Turner 8-10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 2222 BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 12 (G) B Millman 6-10-11 ... R Greene

2-1 Nadjati, 5-2 Malaia, 9-2 Southampton, 6-1 Sabaki River, Beam Me Up Scotty, 14-1 Jonjas Chudleigh.

7.30 EVENING CHASE (Handicap: £3,511: 3m 2f 110yd) (8) SKY

1 343F CAMELOT KNIGHT 16 (C,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-12-0 ... Mr M Rimell (5)
2 5231 SUNLEY BAY 32 (G,S) P Nicholls 9-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
3 0124 DIAMOND FORT 34 (D,F,G,S) J McConnochie 10-11-4 ... S McNeill
4 0P02 SARAVILLE 9 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-12 ... J Lodder
5 2-02 WOLF WINTER 12 (G) J Old 10-10-3 ... T Grantham
6 P234 FROZEN DROP 119 (F) P Ritchens 8-10-2 ... A Tory
7 44P0 RED AMBER 55 (D,F,S) S Sherwood 9-10-0 ... G Upton
8 P504 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 7 (F) P Pritchard 10-10-0 ... R Davis

5-2 Wolf Winter, 11-4 Camelot Knight, 7-2 Sunley Bay, 6-1 Saraville, Diamond Fort, 10-1 Red Amber, 12-1 Frozen Drop, 66-1 others.

8.00 RABBIT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,500: 2m 110yd) (16) SKY

1 1651 CADOUGOLD 7 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 4-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
2 BREAK EVEN N Gaselee 7-11-2 ... C Llewellyn
3 4PPP BUCKLEY'S COURT 7 (B) A Turnell 6-11-2 ... L Harvey
4 0-0 COMIC TURN 124 T Forster 6-11-2 ... R Farrant
5 -045 HUBERT 7 L Grassick 5-11-2 ... Mr J Grassick
6 00 I REMEMBER YOU 12 Mrs R Henderson 5-11-2 ... Mr W Henderson
7 50U KILMINGTON 7 J Gifford 6-11-2 ... P Hide
8 23-5 MIGHTY MAURICE 7 M Scudamore 6-11-2 ... A Tory
9 RAMBLING ON C Drewe 5-11-2 ... J Railton
10 00 RED LIGHTER 143 J Old 5-11-2 ... T Grantham
11 0-P SPEAKER'S HOUSE 58 N Henderson 6-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald
12 006 CWM BYE 7 Mrs A Price 4-10-10 ... Mr M Jackson
13 P0 LIME STREET BLUES 23 S Christian 4-10-10 ... G Upton
14 00 MAGIC WIZARD 30 P Hayward 4-10-10 ... S McNeill
15 5 NEVER SO BLUE 9 P Bradley 4-10-10 ... S Wynne (3)
16 00 BAYBELLINA 133 R Buckler 4-10-5 ... B Powell

4-5 Cadougold, 7-1 Kilmington, 8-1 Speaker's House, Comic Turn, 12-1 Never So Blue, Break Even, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 60 winners from 230 runners, 26.1%; J Old, 6 from 28, 21.4%; R Buckler, 3 from 15, 20.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 17 from 86, 19.8%; Mrs J Retter, 5 from 26, 19.2%; J Edwards, 6 from 32, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; R Dunwoody, 28 from 111, 25.2%; P Hide, 5 from 28, 17.9%; N Williamson, 5 from 29, 17.2%; T Grantham, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
5.45 Scrabo View. 6.15 Willubelong. 6.45 The Yank. 7.15 Popeshall. 7.45 Wills Telmar. 8.15 Knights.

Brian Beel: 7.15 Popeshall.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

5.45 CAMPBELLS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,136: 2m 1f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 4843 ANORAK 47P (CD,F) C Moore 5-11-5 ... J Callaghan
2 2510 FLY TO THE END 49 (S) J Owen 5-11-5 ... [illegible]
3 3010 SCRABO VIEW 16 (S) P Beaumont 7-11-5 ... [illegible]
4 060- CATCH THE PIGEON 399 R Barr 6-11-2 ... [illegible]
5 6P DRUMDONNA 7 P Beaumont 5-11-2 ... [illegible]
6 0/ FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 35F A Cunningham 6-11-2 ... W Fry (5)
7 00-0 LUCKY WEDSONG 7 W Smith 6-11-2 ... [illegible]
8 -P00 ROBINS PRIDE 58 N Tinkler 5-11-2 ... [illegible]
9 000 ROSTINO 11 J Wade 6-11-2 ... B Ryan (7)
10 604R ANTARTICTERN 7 R Tinkler 5-10-13 ... A S Smith
11 5 CASPIAN TALK 7 Mrs S Smith 3-10-11 ... [illegible]
12 /P-R DOUBLE BLACK 37P S Campion 11-10-10 ... A Thornton
13 085 KING OF THE HORSE 7F (B) W Storey 4-10-9 ... K Johnson
14 400P WASSL'S NANNY 5F (B) B Ellison 9-10-8 ... T Reed
15 PP00 MOKAITE 7 (D,F) Mrs M Kendall 4-10-6 ... [illegible]
16 5-RR CROXDALE GREY 30P (S) Mrs L Platts 8-10-5 ... D Bentley
17 6408 ICANSPELL 5F (B) W Storey 4-10-5 ... [illegible]
18 6R84 LITTLE SERENA 7 J Walmsley 5-10-5 ... F Leahy (5)

5-2 Anorak, 4-1 Scrabo View, 6-1 Fly To The End, Icanspell, 12-1 King Of The Horse, 12-1 Antarticitern, Robins Pride, 14-1 others.

6.15 WOODPECKER CIDER MAIDEN CHASE (£2,861: 3m 3f) (11)

1 UFPP ASTON COURT 11 (B,S) B Ellison 10-11-3 ... T Reed
2 4S BOSWORTH FIELD 148 J Johnson 7-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
3 3060 BUSY BOY 13 D Lamb 8-11-3 ... Mr A Manners (7)
4 P4-4 EDEN SUNSET 23P R Collins 9-11-3 ... A Thornton
5 5036 HICKSONS CHOICE 117 J Wade 7-11-3 ... K Jones
6 6364 HOLD YOUR HAT ON 7 (G) C Thornton 6-11-3 ... [illegible]
7 004P MR GEE 7 F Cann 10-11-3 ... [illegible]
8 00-0 ORTON HOUSE 20 J Charlton 8-11-3 ... K Johnson
9 -0PP PADDY IN PARIS 124 J Needham 12-11-3 ... Richard Guest
10 2033 WILLUBELONG 41 W Rae 6-11-3 ... G Hogan (5)
11 PUU3 MISCHIEVOUS GIRL 5 R Tate 7-10-12 ... [illegible]

11-4 Willubelong, 7-2 Hicksons Choice, 4-1 Eden Sunset, 6-1 Busy Boy, 8-1 Hold Your Hat On, Mischievous Girl, 12-1 Bosworth Field, 16-1 others.

6.45 HEINEKEN HANDICAP CHASE (£4,206: 3m 3f) (9) SKY

1 550P CATCH THE CROSS 23 (B,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-12-0 ... A S Smith
2 3155 PRINCE YAZA 23 (CD,F,G,S) J Curtis 8-11-0 ... [illegible]
3 4354 THE YANK 8 (V,F,G) M Hammond 9-10-10 ... D Bentley
4 5211 MAJIC RAIN 7 (F,G,S) D Eddy 10-10-2 (5ex) ... J Callaghan
5 6666 MOYODE REGENT 21 (CD,F) D Lamb 11-10-0 ... Mr A Manners (7)
6 25P1 ANOTHER RED 11 (C,F,S) W Rae 7-10-0 ... G Hogan (5)
7 4665 TRUELY ROYAL 7 (B,G,S) J Charlton 11-10-0 ... K Johnson
8 3000 BISHOPDALE 7 (F,G,S) S Chadwick 14-10-0 ... [illegible]
9 P404 UPWELL 41 (CD,F) R Johnson 11-10-0 ... B Ryan (7)

5-2 Majic Rain, 3-1 Another Red, 7-2 The Yank, 9-2 Prince Yaza, 7-1 Truely Royal, 12-1 Catch The Cross, 14-1 Moyode Regent, 20-1 others.

7.15 TROPHY SPECIAL GUY CUNARD HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,374: 2m 5f) (10) SKY

1 4-21 POPESHALL 21 (F,G,S) Miss S Williamson 8-12-10 ... [illegible] (7)
2 -111 KNOWE HEAD 7P (CD,F,G,S) Miss C Stobbs 11-12-10 ... [illegible] (7)
3 086- JOHN CORBET 16P (F,S) I Fawcett 12-12-7 ... Miss P Robson (7)
4 486- PURA MONEY 23P (C,F,G,S) G Brown 13-12-7 ... [illegible] (7)
5 5-44 DUXALL CROSSETT 11 F Carr 10-12-7 ... K Green (7)
6 -21P REVILLER'S GLORY 15P (G) Miss S Rodgers 11-12-7 ... [illegible] (7)
7 43-1 RISKY DEE 30P (F,G) V Thompson 6-12-7 ... M Thompson (7)
8 2-P1 THANK U JIM 15P (S) Mrs G Sunter 7-12-7 ... [illegible] (7)
9 -36? OCEAN ROSE 15P (S) W Burnell 8-12-2 ... [illegible] (7)
10 PF- RIETER MAN 367 R Waggott 5-12-0 ... Miss T Waggott (7)

11-8 Popeshall, 5-2 Knowe Head, 5-1 Reviller's Glory, 7-1 John Corbet, 10-1 Risky Dee, 16-1 Pura Money, Thank U Jim, 25-1 others.

7.45 BRITVIC NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,496: 2m 5f 110yd) (6) SKY

1 0411 WILLS TELMAR 31 (F,S) J Johnson 7-11-13 ... D Bridgwater
2 4022 ARTOAM 7 T Carr 6-11-1 ... T Reed
3 0P CHARLMIC 58 W Cunningham 5-11-1 ... W Fry (5)
4 0506 FRANMAN 12 Mrs S Smith 9-11-1 ... Richard Guest
5 0000 OLD ALE 77 J Curtis 6-11-1 ... [illegible]
6 P066 MARETTIA 13 (B) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-10 ... G Lee (5)

4-6 Wills Telmar, 4-1 Marettia, 7-1 Artoam, 8-1 Charlmic, 10-1 Franman, 25-1 Old Ale.

8.15 BODDINGTON BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,861: 2m 5f 110yd) (8) SKY

1 30-2 FIRM PRICE 135 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Bewley 14-12-0 ... P Niven
2 2041 EXEMPLAR 9 (F) Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 ... Richard Guest
3 1105 KNIGHTS 37 (CD,F,G,S) H Oliver 9-11-0 ... Jacqui Oliver
4 0000 PRET 29 (G,S) J Wainwright 9-10-11 ... [illegible]
5 5250- CHEEKY POT 45 (B,C,F,S) Denys Smith 7-10-5 ... L Wyer
6 3006 CAMBO 33 (CD,B,S) M Banks 9-10-3 ... D Skyrme
7 002P SHELTON ABBEY 39 (B,C,F,G,S) J Wade 9-10-0 ... K Jones
8 0000 TACTIX 9 Miss M Milligan 5-10-0 ... G Lee (5)

9-4 Exemplar, 5-2 Firm Price, 5-1 Knights, 6-1 Cambo, 8-1 Shelton Abbey, Pret, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Tinkler, 9 winners from 28 runners, 32.1%; Mrs M Bewley, 72 from 243, 29.6%; D Eddy, 3 from 12, 25%; G M Moore, 31 from 154, 20.1%; P Beaumont, 16 from 92, 17.4%; B Ellison, 6 from 50, 12.0%.

JOCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; G Lee, 7 from 22, 31.8%; P Niven, 59 from 200, 29.5%; L Wyer, 28 from 116, 24.1%; J Callaghan, 23 from 124, 18.5%; F Leahy, 6 from 34, 17.6%.

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2.00 Sharp Shuffle. 2.30 Grand Time. 3.00 Midnight Break. 3.30 Top Pet. 4.00 Pharamineux. 4.30 Berkeley Bounder. 5.00 Confronter.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 **MIDNIGHT BREAK**.

Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Bernard Seven.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,897: 5f 59yd) (7 runners)

1 (1) 0 CAVEAT EMPTOR 17 S Dow 8-9 ... T Quinn —
2 (7) SHARP SHUFFLE R Hannon 8-6 ... Pat Eddery —
3 (6) 0 MANDY'S RISK 9 T Jones 8-5 ... R Perham —
4 (5) CRIMSON AND CLOVER M Bell 8-2 ... M Fenton —
5 (4) 5 SATELLITE STAR 7 M Channon 8-2 ... C Rutter —
6 (2) 0 ALL SHE SURVEYS 9 J Akehurst 8-1 ... G Carter —
7 (3) 0 SAM COLES 7 B Meehan 8-0 ... B Doyle —

7-4 Sharp Shuffle, 5-2 Crimson And Clover, 4-1 Satellite Star, 6-1 others.

2.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,302: 5f 59yd) (13)

1 (5) -140 ANOTHER JADE 9 (C,D,G,S) A Jarvis 5-10-0 ... B Thomson 91
2 (4) 1051 HALLIARD 7 (D,G) T Jones 4-10-0 (7ex) ... R Perham 96
3 (3) 000- THE NOBLE OAK 164 (D,F,G) M Bolton 7-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 86
4 (10) 5020 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 3 (G) M Channon 4-9-4 ... R Hughes 97
5 (1) -005 ARASROVE 18 (B,CD,F,G) J Payne 5-9-4 ... M Tebbutt 87
6 (11) 2332 DISTANT DYNASTY 14 (D,G,S) B Pearce 5-8-3 ... R Cochrane 90
7 (13) -600 HALBERT 11 M Channon 6-8-13 ... D Sweeney (7) 85
8 (12) 0-05 BRIGHT PARAGON 17 (D,F,G,S) H Collingridge 6-8-13 ... M Rimmer 93
9 (9) 605- LITTLE HOOLIGAN 189 (D,G) J Akehurst 4-8-13 ... G Bardwell 89
10 (7) 1324 LIFT BOY 60 (F,G) A Moore 6-8-11 ... Candy Morris ■
11 (2) 4030 RUSTIC LEAGUE 21 T Naughton 4-8-3 ... S Sanders (3) 88
12 (8) -062 GRAND TIME 7 (B,D,F,G,S) C Hill 6-8-1 ... G Duffield 95
13 (6) 0000 PAT POINDESTRES 60 (G) B Pearce 5-7-10 ... A Whelan (5) —

3-1 Grand Time, 7-2 Halliard, 5-1 Giggleswick Girl, 8-1 Distant Dynasty, 10-1 Another Jade, Bright Paragon, 14-1 others.

3.00 ORLEANS LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,922: 5f 213yd) (7)

1 (4) -008 ASSUMPSIT 11 (V) S Dow 8-11 ... G Duffield 86
2 (3) 3-04 KREEF 26 R O'Sullivan 8-11 ... D Biggs 85
3 (7) 00-4 TAFAHHUS 20 R Armstrong 8-11 ... W Carson 84
4 (2) 0-04 CORK STREET GIRL 9 B Meehan 8-6 ... B Doyle 88
5 (1) 254- MIDNIGHT BREAK 210 P Walwyn 8-6 ... Pat Eddery ■
6 (5) 0-42 POLLY GARTER 93 R Hannon 8-6 ... T Quinn 90
7 (6) -336 SOLIANNA 51 M Channon 8-6 ... P P Murphy (5) 87

7-4 Midnight Break, 7-2 Tafahhus, 4-1 Polly Garter, 8-1 Cork Street Girl, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 9 winners from 34 runners, 26.5%; R Akehurst, 20 from 84, 23.8%; B Meehan, 9 from 39, 23.1%; R Hannon, 41 from 188, 21.8%; R Armstrong, 3 from 17, 17.6%; G Lewis, 12 from 69, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: R Hughes, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; W Carson, 36 from 140, 25.7%; Pat Eddery, 20 from 84, 23.8%; T Quinn, 39 from 205, 19.0%; G Duffield, 16 from 95, 16.8%.

3.30 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS APRIL HANDICAP (£6,264: 6f 209yd) (11)

1 (10) 06-1 SHIKARI'S SON 16 (CD,F,G) J White 8-10-0 ... R Hughes [illegible]
2 (3) 00-0 ROBSERA 30 (C,F) G Lewis 7-9-8 ... Paul Eddery [illegible]
3 (4) 2325 ROCKY WATERS 24 (D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-7 ... B Rouse [illegible]
4 (7) 2230 ERTLON 31 (D,F,G) C Brittain 5-9-2 ... B Doyle ■
5 (2) -600 PERSIAN AFFAIR 31 (D,F,G) D Haydn Jones 4-8-12 ... A Mackay 93
6 (6) 160- DOM PENNION 257 (D,G) R Guest 4-8-9 ... G Hind 93
7 (11) 002- TOP PET 165 (CD,F) R Akehurst 5-8-6 ... T Quinn 96
8 (5) 2342 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 24 (CD,G) R O'Sullivan 7-8-6 ... M Rimmer 97
9 (8) 5146 CANARY FALCON 18 (D,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-5 ... W Woods 94
10 (9) 0032 SHEPHERD MARKET 17 (C,F) D Wilson 4-8-6 ... G Carter 98
11 (1) 520- WALNUT BURL 215 (CD,F) L Holt 5-7-12 ... A McGlone 90

3-1 Shepherd Market, 5-1 Ertlon, 6-1 Rocky Waters, Crystal Heights, 7-1 Shikari's Son, Top Pet, 8-1 Canary Falcon, 10-1 others.

4.00 ROYAL PAVILION CLAIMING STAKES (£2,947: 1m 3f 196yd) (10)

1 (5) -142 ELEMENTARY 24 (CD,F,G) N Walker 12-9-0 ... Pat Eddery ■
2 (8) 5605 REMEMBER THIS 24 C Cyzer 5-9-0 ... B Duffield ■
3 (6) -/01 KIMBERLEY BOY 18 (D,F,S) G Oldroyd 5-8-10 ... R Cochrane 84
4 (10) 40-0 HOLIDAY ISLAND 122 (F,S) R Akehurst 6-8-8 ... G Carter —
5 (9) 0- MISLED AGAIN 383 J Bosley 4-8-7 ... A Clark —
6 (3) 6-43 THAMES SIDE 24 M Madgwick 4-8-7 ... D R McCabe (3) 79
7 (7) 2-36 PHARAMINEUX 97 (CD,F,S) R Akehurst 9-8-4 ... T Quinn ■
8 (1) 4600 RAGTIME SONG 19 (CD,F,G) A Moore 6-8-4 ... Candy Morris —
9 (4) 60-0 STARLIGHT FLYER 14 (B,F,G,S) J Long 8-8-2 ... T Field (7) 66
10 (2) -040 CRISTAL SPRINGS 52 B McMath 4-7-10 ... G Bardwell 74

6-4 Elementary, 4-1 Pharamineux, 9-2 Kimberley Boy, 7-1 Holiday Island, 8-1 Thames Side, 14-1 Remember This, 16-1 others.

4.30 CONFLANS MAIDEN STAKES (£3,935: 7f 214yd) (10)

1 (8) 5-6 BERKELEY BOUNDER 14 P Cole 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 82
2 (6) 23-3 BERNARD SEVEN 19 S Woods 3-8-11 ... W Woods 95
3 (10) 220- CRYSTAL GIFT 144 P Cole 3-8-11 ... G Carter 97
4 (4) 26-0 NERO KRIS 17 P Kelleway 3-8-11 ... [illegible] 95
5 (9) 60- SILKS AND STUDS 185 J White 3-8-11 ... R Price 63
6 (1) 32-0 STONE RIDGE 7 R Hannon 3-8-11 ... Pat Eddery ■
7 (3) 0 ZUNO FLYER 14 G Lewis 3-8-11 ... Paul Eddery —
8 (2) 00- ALPINE STORM 182 M Usher 3-8-6 ... R Perham —
9 (5) 05- DOMITIA 230 M Bell 3-8-6 ... M Fenton 80
10 (7) RETURN TO BRIGHTON P Clarke 3-8-6 ... D Griffiths (5) —

5-2 Stone Ridge, 3-1 Berkeley Bounder, 4-1 Crystal Gift, 9-2 Bernard Seven, 8-1 Domitia, 10-1 Zuno Flyer, 16-1 Nero Kris, 20-1 others.

5.00 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP (£3,502: 7f 214yd) (15)

1 (2) 85-0 ANOTHER FIDDLE 31 (F) R Akehurst 5-10-0 ... T Quinn [illegible]
2 (8) 2241 CONFRONTER 18 (CD,G,S) S Dow 6-10-0 ... R Hughes [illegible]
3 (5) 0806 FRIENDLY BRAVE 18 (G) T Mills 5-9-10 ... G Carter 94
4 (1) 410- WHATEVER'S RIGHT 223 (D,F,G) M Usher 6-9-7 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
5 (14) 4-00 PISTOL 7 (G) C Horgan 5-9-6 ... Paul Eddery [illegible]
6 (3) 000- ARABOVBILL 177J (C,F) M Meade 4-9-6 ... A Clark [illegible]
7 (11) 133- MR ROUGH 181 (D,F) D Morris 4-9-3 ... R Cochrane [illegible]
8 (15) 0-00 DIA GEORGY 18 (D,F,S) R Guest 4-8-13 ... G Hind [illegible]
9 (13) 500- MARTINIQUE 115J (S) B Pearce 4-8-12 ... S Sanders (3) [illegible]
10 (10) 0404 PIRATES GOLD 50 (G) J White 5-8-12 ... A Mackay [illegible]
11 (9) /40 TAAHHUB 24 (G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-10 ... [illegible]
12 (12) -002- AUDREY GRACE 208 B Meehan 4-8-10 ... B Doyle 93
13 (4) 005- DRAGON BOLD 205 L Holt 4-8-9 ... A McGlone [illegible]
14 (6) 1456 WORDS OF WISDOM 24 (B,G) C Cyzer 5-8-8 ... B Duffield [illegible]
15 (7) 006 TARJUMAAN 24 R O'Sullivan 4-8-6 ... M Rimmer [illegible]

5-1 Confronter, 8-1 Audrey Grace, Mr Rough, 10-1 Whatever's Right, Words Of Wisdom, Another Fiddle, 14-1 others.

Irish target

GAY KELLEWAY'S dual bumper winner, Perfect Pal, is to run in the Ir£15,000 National Hunt Flat race at the Punchestown Festival on Wednesday.

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stake
R Hollinshead	24	26	34	10	-70.27
J Gosden	19	10	5	2	+24.25
J Berry	19	6	17	6	-47.82
C Brittain	17	14	17	2	+4.72
Mrs N Macauley	16	4	14	29	+54.00
M Channon	14	11	13	3	+17.37

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
L Dettori	55	50	33	8	-44.19
J Weaver	52	51	45	9	-68.18
T Ives	32	21	21	3	-18.09
R Cochrane	31	24	19	34	-43.32
K Darley	22	17	19	2	+20.97
B Doyle	16	13	12	11	+23.85

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Fabre keen to run Pennekamp and Diffident in 2,000 Guineas

Celtic Swing fails to deter growing classic challenge

By Julian Muscat

THERE was enough room for doubt about Celtic Swing's winning reappearance to suggest the door has been left open for opportunists to oppose the champion juvenile in the 2,000 Guineas on May 6.

No other verdict can be returned on a performance which could legitimately be interpreted in contrasting ways. One thing is certain: it was just what racing needed. The colt's victory in the Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury delighted his growing legion of supporters. At the same time, the bare bones of his 1¼-length defeat of Bahri offered encouragement to those previously hesitant to tackle him head-on.

First in the queue was André Fabre, the French-based trainer of Celtic Swing's most potent opponents, Pennekamp and Diffident. In fairness, Fabre did not watch Celtic Swing's race and has no intention of summoning the video evidence. Rhetorically, he asked yesterday: "Is there any reason why I should? And if I did, what could I do? It's not going to change anything."

The racing world awaits the deliberations of Sheikh Mohammed, who owns both Pennekamp and Diffident. But Fabre said he was keen to test both colts in the Newmarket classic. "If it was up to me, I would run both horses," he said. "They both deserve to take their chance."

In that event, a victory for Celtic Swing will fully merit the superlatives being heaped upon his muscular flanks. So much hope has been invested in this talented athlete, yet he will have to master one of the most competitive 2,000 Guineas fields in years.

In Pennekamp, Diffident and Painter's Row, Peter Savill's charismatic colt faces the collective winners of 11 races from as many starts. And Willie Carson, ever the Devil's Advocate, said on dismounting from the hard-pulling Bahri on Saturday: "If my horse had settled we might have beaten Celtic Swing."

The most striking feature about Celtic Swing's comeback was the disdain with which he raced. Having surged, impressively, for the winning post with two furlongs remaining, the son of Damister allowed his concentration to waver. He was demonstrably more interested in the crowd than in the pursuing Bahri.

As a relieved Lady Herries, who trains Celtic Swing, aptly put it: "He wasn't doing a tap. They went a good gallop but it wasn't good enough for him. He's such a lazy horse. It's hard to know whether you've got him fit enough as he hardly does a thing at home." Evidently, there is something of the playboy about this long-striding animal.

Red Carnival, trained by Michael Stoute, will miss the Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 7 after injuring a knee. Connections of Distant View, last year's Henry Cecil-trained Sussex Stakes winner, are awaiting the results of a scan on a leg injured in a gallop at Newmarket on Friday.

Yet the same International Classifications which pointed to his greatness can almost be used against him. Bahri was deemed unworthy of a rating within 25lb of Celtic Swing. Now he was able to bear down with menace as the remainder laboured home, nine lengths and more in arrears.

That amounted to a healthy advantage, and John Dunlop, who trains Bahri, added substance to Celtic Swing's exertions when he placed Bahri on the same pedestal as Nwaamis, the latter only narrowly beaten by Painter's Row in the Craven Stakes. Dunlop, nevertheless, is keen to renew Bahri's rivalry with Celtic Swing at Newmarket.

As for the bookmakers, they were far from united. Ladbrokes took a bold line, although their post-race offer of evens went unbacked. Although Corals took the opposite view, marking Celtic Swing down to 13-8 on, their stance was due as much to existing liabilities as Celtic Swing's prowess on the track.

And the state of limbo was inadvertantly advanced by Savill himself. "We alternate between thinking he hasn't got enough speed for the 2,000 Guineas [over a mile] and that he's got too much speed for the Derby [over half as far again]. But I was delighted with him here. In my opinion, he did it very easily."

With Pennekamp and Diffident due over from France, it is now time for Celtic Swing to concentrate on his racing. Fabre's concern about Diffident is his effectiveness over a mile. "It's probable that he will stay but only the race will tell us," the trainer said.

"Pennekamp has less speed than Diffident," Fabre elaborated. "He can catch Diffident when they work over five furlongs at home. He does not find it easy, but he is an exceptional horse to have that speed when he is bred to stay at least ten furlongs. And he is by nature very lazy."

In that, and many other respects, Celtic Swing and Pennekamp appear well matched.

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FIONA HANSON

Darley gives Celtic Swing a congratulatory pat after the colt's triumph over Bahri in the Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday confirmed his wellbeing

Exmouth creates ideal nursery for champions

By John Goodbody

IN TENNIS, as in most sports, prospective champions should be caught young: usually, the younger the better. In Exmouth, there is a centre where this philosophy is being fully tested.

This East Devon seaside resort is a curious place to find one of England's largest secondary schools. Stuck out on a jut of land, the town, to the east of the River Exe, would not seem to have the catchment area of an inner-city school. However, here is Exmouth Community College, with 2,060 students aged between 11 and 18, and 2,700 adult enrolments. Its indoor tennis centre — the newest in the country — was opened last month.

John Garnett, the head of the college, said: "The youngsters are goggle-eyed, but I do think that when children get good facilities, they are not only proud of them but they respond to them."

Exmouth, which has four indoor and two outdoor courts, is only the second of 33 centres under the Indoor Tennis Initiative scheme to be accommodated on school premises — the other is in Cambridge. Thousands of pupils will have ready access to the centre, and the school has free use of the courts for 15 hours a week.

Tennis is already part of the school's curriculum, and there were five outdoor courts on site with access to six more municipal courts before the centre was built. Greg Hunt, the head of PE, said: "There will always be a nucleus of pupils who enjoy tennis and are not affected by the wind or rain on outside courts, but, for those who are put off, they will find that they develop their game more quickly by playing indoors."

The educational authority provided the site, and the £900,000 to build the centre was raised from the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), the All England Club, Foundation for Sport and the Arts, Exmouth Council and the East Devon District Council.

The whole project, from idea to completion, took barely two years. The centre is open every day from 9am to 11pm except Tuesdays, when it opens at 6.30am. A whole host of courses, ladders, leagues, training squads, pay-and-play hours and special needs sessions are being established. Youngsters, from the community college and other schools in the area, are encouraged to attend.

Jo Louis, a former coach and now the tennis development officer at the centre, said: "Even in two months, we are seeing so many new faces." One that they have seen before is Jo Duligall, the East Devon under-14 champion, a pupil at the College. In the final last year, she defeated Vicky Colton, another pupil. After studying for her 11 GCSE subjects, Duligall practises three times a week at the centre. "I love the centre: I hardly play outdoors anymore," she said. Charlotte Bain, a semi-finalist in the East Devon under-13 championships, expects that she will use the centre even in the summer. "It will prevent the sun getting in my eyes," she said.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

By bringing the centre into the heart of such a large school, the LTA hopes that the sport will have a much higher profile in the area and, eventually, outstanding players will emerge. Garnett said: "I am retiring as head in ten years. I have told the pupils that before then I would like to see a Wimbledon champion come from here."

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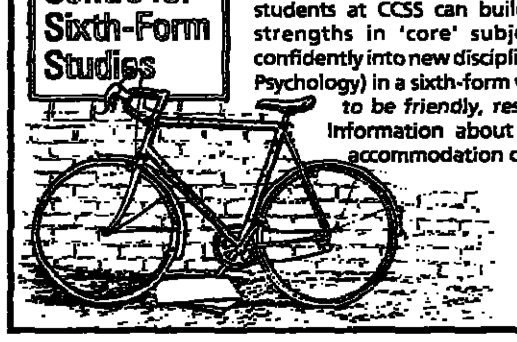

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The next *fortnight* will see celebrations on a scale that *should* ensure no teenager is ignorant of the closing chapter of the Second World War. But how successful are schools in *getting* across the true meaning of events that have *dwindling* relevance to their pupils?

Every secondary school in England has been sent a Government pack to help teachers put VE-Day into context. *The material* is very much in the GCSE tradition of "living history" source documents, and is full of period photographs, leaflets, posters and a video.

The *package, which has cost* £300,000, includes messages not only from the present Queen but also from King George VI, writing at the time of the 1946 Victory Parade: "Today, as we celebrate *victory, I send this* personal message . . . For you have shared in the hardships and dangers of a total war . . ."

The Queen's message stresses the significance of *the War. She* concludes: "I hope that this education pack will help young people to understand what the Second World War was all about, what people were fighting for and *how grateful we* should all be for their sacrifice."

The blanket media coverage of next month's celebrations will ensure that young people are aware, however *fleetingly*, of *the* events of 50 years ago. But, even with the War firmly included in the national curriculum for history, the emphasis given to it varies enormously from school to school.

Source material for classes

David Beeby, the head master of Claysmore School in Dorset, who has been *teaching* history for nearly 30 years, says: "There may have been a time when the War was seen only as a conflict of good versus evil. Today we are far more likely to look at events like the bombing of Dresden. At our last Remembrance Day service, we had German, Japanese and Russian boys in the wreath-laying party."

Some have tried to take a politically correct route into the War. In the independent sector in particular, this has been encouraged by the forging of close relationships with German, *French and Spanish schools*, which had a very different wartime experience.

At Uppingham School, in Northamptonshire, *for example*, a German sixth-former read the last Remembrance Day lesson. David Gain, the deputy headmaster, *says*: "It was very moving, and it got everyone *thinking about* whether those who had died would have agreed with her reading the lesson.

"The important difference today is that the War is *not* something that the *present student generation has* experienced even at second hand; it is history. As such, they can be more critical. When I was at school and we watched the *Dam Busters* and the *Wooden Horse*, it was all a very emotional experience. Now *they* are *more analytical. Previous* generations made emotional judgments on the War; now they are making historical ones."

Last year, John Hanson School in *Andover, Hampshire*, won a competition run by the county council for the best D-Day display. Gerry Wilson, the head teacher, says: "The pupils interviewed their grandparents, *some of whom* were *among* the first onto the beaches. The great thing was that the experience was still alive in their families. It was an exaggerated version of the way history is being taught *today*."

Mr Wilson adds: "When you can involve children in this *kind* of research, they realise that they are part of history and it is connected to *them. That* said, however, they do look back on 50 years ago as a completely different *world, another* country if you like. Teenagers have a very different timescale."

In *many* ways, for those in school today, the War is as far away as the Boer War was to *the* class of 1945. Until the latest spate of anniversaries, its battles were as one with *the Somme*, Waterloo or Hastings.

Glyn Kennedy, the head of history at Coquet High School, in Morpeth, Northumberland, says: "The memory fades not only with the students, but also with the staff. While many who taught until recently were *children in the War, now* these are few and far between.

"For most of our pupils, VE-Day will be just another day like Good Friday, when they *have* a holiday for *something which has no connection* with them. Thirty years ago, when you asked children to bring in family memorabilia, it was ration books and medals. Now it's LPs and football programmes."

However, it is not only the Education Department which has been sending teachers aids on the War. The Holocaust Educational Trust, a privately-funded body, has supplied *every secondary school* with a version of the film, *Schindler's List*.

Mr Kennedy says: "More than anything else to do with the War, this film has made a very vivid impact on the students. It shows how much the *quality of material counts. Documentaries* just showing the bare facts never have the same effect."

A spokesman for the Holocaust Educational Trust says: "Ever since *the holocaust was put on the national* curriculum in 1992, there has been much more awareness of the subject. Some teachers before just could not find the time. *Schindler's List* has doubled the number of inquiries we *are getting from schools*."

As time moves ever faster and the respect for age becomes correspondingly less, the coming fortnight of remembrance in and out of school *will surely be the last on such a* scale. Not least because school children will soon run out of grandparents to interview on the subject.

Let children philosophise

AT ABOUT 10 I was fond, to the point of repeated re-reading, *of a series of school* stories in which the girls nicknamed their eccentric and dreamy classics teacher Plato because of his tendency to wax lyrical about the delights of *The Republic*. Bare fact learnt by me: Plato was a Greek who wrote something called *The Republic*.

That snippet was, I think, the sum total of my philosophical knowledge until long after I left school, because of the strange and apparently determined absence of philosophy teaching in British schools. Few British pupils know even the names of the great innovative thinkers of antiquity *who changed* attitudes, beliefs and thought patterns, let alone what they said, wrote or thought.

Democritus, Heraclitus, Socrates and Aristotle are largely unknown. Therefore most of our pupils at all levels and in all types of school are woefully ill-equipped to discuss abstractions or to construct a logical argument about anything other than the concrete *and the* banal. Bigotry and insularity are rife.

VIEWPOINT

SUSAN ELKIN

The Middle Ages and *later centuries fare no* better. Italian students learn in school about Machiavelli, Erasmus, Pascal, Hobbes, Kant, Nietzsche and Freud — *just to pick a few names* at random from their astonishingly full syllabus. You won't find one British teenager in a hundred who has *the vaguest idea who these* men were and why they matter.

In France students reaching baccalaureat level study philosophy in their equivalent of our sixth form. *Depending on which level* or type of baccalaureat they are studying for, students might do as much as seven or eight hours per week. *It is part of French culture.*

In anti-intellectual Britain exactly the opposite obtains. Because the knowledge is so rare, references *are few and* philosophical ignorance continues unabated. A tiny number — fewer than a thousand UK candidates - study for the *Associated Examining* Board's A Level philosophy examination. Occasionally sixth formers get a smattering as part of a General Studies *programme* (usually not examined) if they are lucky enough to have anyone on the staff able to do it. There are, moreover, a handful of privileged primary-school children whose teachers are bravely trying to rectify curricular philosophy deficiencies. Apart from these exceptions, philosophy in Britain *is generally regarded as a* "difficult" subject and restricted to a small number of university courses.

Why on earth are we so *frightened of philosophy*? Do we not want our young people to understand the history of ideas. The emphasis on skills-based education is all very well but don't we also want twenty-first-century citizens to have the wherewithal *to think* perceptively, to question and to challenge?

For some *the answer is* evidently "no". Give 'em computer games and *Neighbours* and with luck they won't rock the boat. It is scandalous to deny children *access to the thoughts and* ideas of the most influential thinkers of the last three thousand years.

THE FACT *that Jostein* Gaarder's *Sophie's World* is currently selling thousands of copies every week in Britain surely shows that *interest in philosophy is not* dead. Notwithstanding its quasi-surrealist ending, it is silly to pretend that Gaarder's highly approachable philosophy textbook, complete with index, is a *novel. It would make* a splendid class reader from which both teachers and pupils could benefit.

Now that the slimmed-*down national curriculum* has devolved a percentage of curricular autonomy to the schools once more, there is no reason why a study of *philosophy could not be* incorporated, say, in the early secondary years.

Law, abiding market leader for all seasons

Winning a place this autumn will be slightly easier than in previous years

STUDENT fashions come and go, as different disciplines catch the imagination of the time, but one subject *maintains* its popularity year in and year out. In spite of the *high entrance* requirements, law is the market leader for all seasons.

Already there are more than 100,000 applications for *places on this year's degree* programmes. Only teacher training and business studies have more candidates, and both can accommodate many more students with lower qualifications.

An enduring fascination with the subject, boosted by students' perception of the rewards to be gained within the legal profession have *kept* the subject in a similar position for more than a decade. *As student demand* has grown, new universities have opened up more opportunities *to* take law, often in combination with other subjects. *Winning a place this* autumn should be slightly easier then in previous years, but the competition will *still* be intense.

At the start of the month, when total applications through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service showed a drop of 0.5 per cent, those for law were down by 4.5 per cent. But admissions officers are expecting *the gap to close* as late inquiries flow in from overseas. They will find a broad range of degree and short course programmes that are under unprecedented scrutiny. The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has just completed a review of teaching in 67 universities and colleges, while the Lord Chancellor has approved new guidelines intended to produce *more broadly-based* law degrees.

The HEFCE's assessment, which will be supplemented by research ratings next year, *suggested* that the subject has more leading departments than most other subjects. Only one university — Derby — was rated unsatisfactory, and that has since been given a clean bill of *health in a subsequent* inspection.

Almost a third of departments were placed in the highest of the three categories available *to the* inspectors. As well the predictable names, such as Oxford and Cambridge, the list of "excellent" universities included former polytechnics such as Northumbria, the West of England and Oxford Brookes.

ALTHOUGH the inspectors were critical of the relatively low priority given to information technology on some courses, and the poor teaching of legal and transferable skills on others, their verdict was generally favourable. "Students were *enthusiastic*, highly-qualified and well motivated. Written work was well prepared and oral contributions indicated that a *broad range of skills* required for the profession were being developed." *However, there has been* little sign of the level of qualification dropping until this year's downturn in applications.

More than a third of those admitted to degree courses with A levels last autumn had at least one A and two B grades, a proportion matched by few other subjects. The only cloud on the *horizon* for the law departments came in a report earlier this year, which questioned academics' breadth of knowledge in the light of the *new teaching requirements*.

Research by the Anglia Polytechnic University and the Association of Law Teachers found a well-qualified but highly-specialised group of staff, and recommended *more professional* development. However, both the variety of courses and the range of institutions teaching law goes far beyond the universities.

The College of Law, in Guildford, Surrey, *bills itself* as the largest legal training establishment in Europe, while Holborn College, now associated with Wolverhampton *University though* based in West London, is celebrating 25 years of teaching at all levels from A level to postgraduate.

There is also a growing market in distance learning. Law accounts for a high *proportion of the* 21,000 external students taking London University degrees in 130 countries worldwide. With British courses becoming increasingly European in outlook, the international trend is certain to continue.

JOHN O'LEARY

Pupils power School Watch

The Government has given cash to generate schemes to reduce bullying, graffiti and crime among the young

Holiday time brings out *the vandals*, as many schools have discovered over the Easter break. But police and politicians are now enlisting the help of *pupils to protect schools* and improve their surroundings.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has backed the establishment of School Watch *groups* as part of a £1.25 million crime prevention scheme *targeting young people. A five*-year programme, backed by the Prudential insurance group, addresses issues such as bullying, graffiti, and more *serious vandalism*.

The School Watch approach has been tried for three years in South Wales, where primary pupils address social and environmental problems, as well as tackling vandalism. *Developed by Jim Fletcher, the* schools liaison officer for the South Wales Police, the scheme enables pupils to learn *decision making and participate* in the running of their *schools. Because* of the children's enthusiasm, the initiative has already spread from *the pilot primaries in Barry* to a hundred schools across Glamorgan. The hope *is* that *the* approach will go nationwide as police forces as far apart as Cheshire and Cornwall have voiced considerable interest.

"*My reason for establishing* the programme was to get pupils' *ideas listened to and acted* upon," PC Fletcher said. "They were concerned about many issues, from bullying and racism to road safety and conser*vation. What we needed was a* mechanism to allow them to discuss and solve those issues on a local level. So the South *Wales School Watch committees* were born."

A dozen ten and eleven-year-olds elected by their classmates form a committee to *manage* a school's watch activities. The class teacher and *local police liaison officer* also attend, but as PC Fletcher says: "It's the children who do all the work". The committee reports regularly to the top *junior* class and holds an AGM for the whole school.

At Rhoose Primary School, for example, committee members have come up with useful ideas to reduce conflict in the playground, eliminate litter *and improve* road safety, according to the head teacher, Jean Pearce. Also, parents have been persuaded not to *park on the zig-zag lines* outside the school. "The children were very concerned about this road safety issue, so they wrote letters to parents and videoed the offending cars. When the video was shown *during a parents' evening, the* message was quickly understood."

This year, the Rhoose committee is helping teachers draft the school's anti-bullying policy. At Holton Junior School, Barry, *one of the first schools* to participate in the initiative, pupils have established a "Barney box". Any pupil's worries are confided in Barney, so that the problem can be discussed by the committee. *This school has* embraced the community aspect of School *Watch and is extending its* influence to the town centre. As well as helping to remove litter, the pupils are preparing a large mural which will disguise unsightly *empty shop* fronts.

Bullying has been identified as a problem by many of the School Watch committees, so they have been working with Delwyn Tattum of Cardiff's *Countering* Bullying Unit *on* the redesigning of playgrounds. The proceeds from school fetes have allowed treasurers to buy benches and plants for quiet zones, so the children who want to read or *chat can be screened from* boisterous games.

Mr Tattum's involvement is not limited to playground development, however. He is currently engaged in evaluating the entire School Watch project. He has been associated with it from the beginning, helping to select, then train the South Wales' force liaison officers. "It was essential to choose people who could communicate well with children," *Mr Tattum explained*.

With a trained teacher in charge of school liaison, relations between pupils and police are very good. Inspector *Shirley Barry taught* for five years before joining the force, and she believes that the future of crime prevention depends on pupils trusting *police officers at a young age*.

"By working with the primary age group, and extending that relationship into the secondary school, we may be able to reduce instances of drug taking, truancy and petty crime," she said. There are moves afoot to expand School Watch to the secondary sector. A pilot scheme is operating at *Cowbridge Comprehensive*, and the impetus for this development came from the pupils themselves.

The scene *that every teacher dreads after Easter — vandalism surges during holiday periods*

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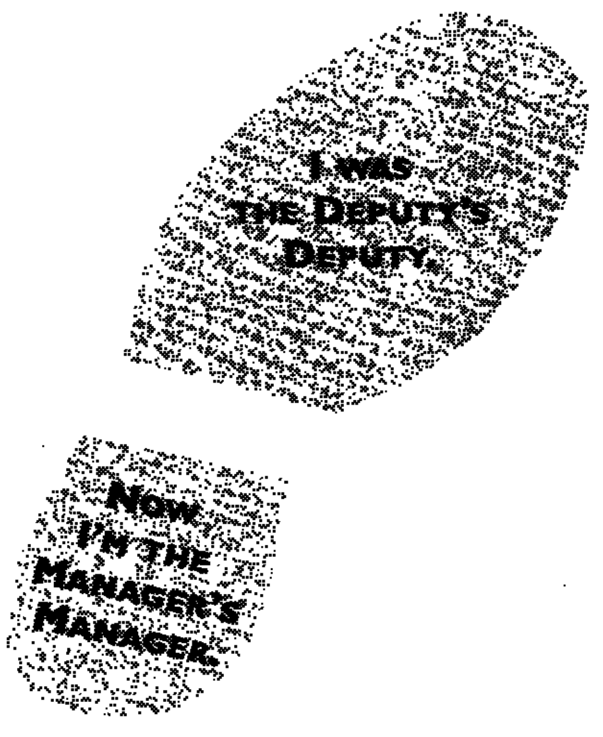
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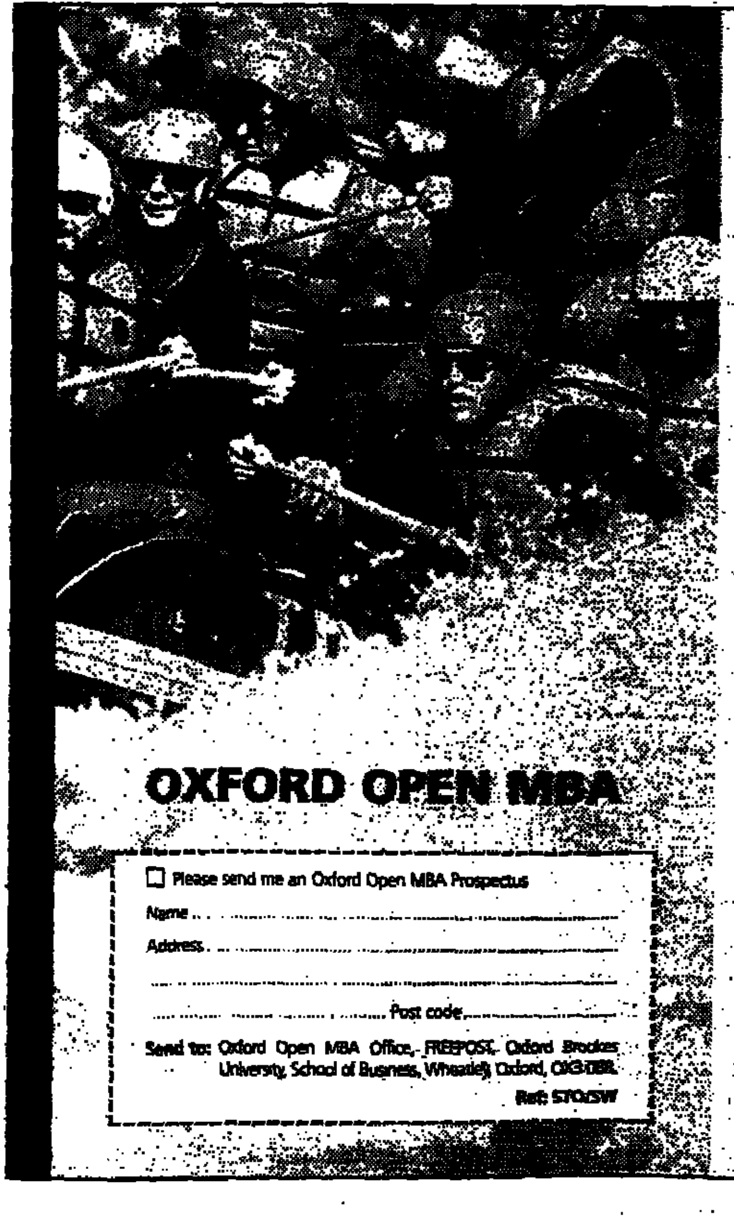
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BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8,158.00	Abbey Natl	489	+ 7	4.7	10.1
1,935.40	Allied Irish	289	– 4	4.8	8.4
3,207.80	Anb Aust Z	231	...	4.0	8.4
10,785.30	Bank America	3981¼			
2,984.50	Bank Scotland	210	– 3½	3.0	12.3
10,378.00	Barclays	684	– 23	4.1	6.9
576.50	Bk of Ireland	332	...	4.3	9.6
156.20	Cater Allen	476	+ 3	7.4	9.8
17,284.90	Citicorp	2880¼	+ 60		
248.50	Close Brost	261	...	3.8	11.8
4,721.50	Commerzbk	£144½	– 4¾	3.8	
39,127.10	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1253¼	+ 31¼	0.5	...
14,255.40	Deutsche Bk	£300½	+ 48¼	2.5	...
183.18	Espirito Santo	782½	+ 109¾	10.6	-
42,801.90	Fuji Bank Y	1477¼	+ 99¾	0.4	
286.00	Gerrard Nat	423	+ 6	7.1	12.2
360.30	Hambros	204	– 4	9.2	12.5
8,390.00	HSBC	760	– 4½	4.5	9.4
12,918.20	HSBC HK	736½	– 2	4.6	9.3
19.27	Joseph (L)	383	– 2	6.1	10.8
15.50	King Shaxson	88	...	12.6	8.8
847.70	Kleinwort Bent	630	– 10	4.2	11.3
8,050.80	Lloyds	621	– 4	5.2	10.5
7,268.70	Nat Aust Bk	543	– 8	6.2	8.5
9,428.60	Nat West	547	– 10	6.0	9.1
118.90	[illegible] Bank	2375		6.7	3.3
22.00	Rea Bros	53	– 2	2.4	-
3,920.20	Royal Bk Scot	414	– 10	4.2	11.9
1,623.00	Schroders	1623	– 5	1.6	15.4
417.00	Schroders N/V	1438	– 5	1.8	13.7
159.30	Singer & Fried	82	+ 1	5.3	-
2,923.50	Stand Chart	303	+ 11	3.3	9.1
3,720.30	TSB	243	+ 1	4.6	10.4
22.30	[illegible]	84	+ 3	4.5	
1,842.00	Warburg SG	743	– 5	3.7	18.6
5,272.50	Wells Fargo	£102¾	+ 287¾	2.8	
4,121.70	Westpac	228	– 8¼	2.4	
17.40	Whitrust	285	...	6.5	13.7

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
40.80	Ascot Hldgs	148			
4,768.80	Bass	545	– 8	4.4	13.5
324.70	Boddington	287	– 2	4.1	13.7
32.70	Burtonwd Brw	157	– 4	4.1	13.1
31.50	Eldridge P 'A'	182	– 1	3.4	38.4
1,738.20	Fosters Brewing	54	– 2	5.1	14.1
73.80	Fullr Smi 'A'	382	...	2.7	15.0
941.00	Greenalls Grp	450	...	3.6	14.8
215.80	Greene King	509	– 1	3.2	13.2
48.80	Hardy Hanson	244	...	4.8	11.9
3.50	Heavitree	155	...	3.6	11.8
104.80	Holt J	3375	– 5	2.0	-
157.20	Mansfield	245	– 1	2.4	15.0
259.20	Marston Thsn	288	– 5	2.6	14.8
98.70	Morland	456	+ 18	2.9	13.7
9.44	Paramount	8	...	3.9	18.9
51.80	Regent Inns	351	+ 7	2.1	20.1
4,723.10	SA Breweries	1681¼	+ 12¼	1.7	27.2
2,899.50	Scot & New	543	+ 4	4.6	15.5
327.80	Vaux Group	234	– 2	5.3	13.2
183.10	Wetherspoon JD	508	+ 22	1.8	22.3
2,855.80	Whitbread	545	– 14	4.4	14.9
332.50	Wolverhmptn D	500	– 4	5.5	13.0
84.30	Yates Bros	215	+ 10	2.2	16.8
13.20	Young 'A'	455	...	4.1	19.2

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
50.40	Abbey	130	+ 5	5.0	9.5
48.40	Alkar	153	...	4.6	14.3
140.70	Amec	71	...	5.3	-
22.00	Andrews Sykes	158	...		
131.60	Ashtead	438	...	1.7	18.5
37.40	Avonside	85	– 1	6.4	-
3.36	Bailey (Ben) Cont	32	– 1¼	4.1	-
6.92	Barcom	37	...		
317.90	Barratt Devt	174	– 9	4.7	12.2
384.70	Beazer Homes	137	...	4.9	10.8
286.40	Bellway	211	– 4	4.1	12.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.50	Abi Lab	98	+ 2	5.2	11.3
22.80	Adam & Harvey	550	...	3.5	8.9
8.05	Alexanders	20	...	5.2	8.8
71.20	Appleyard	107	...	6.6	-
9.95	Ass Br Eng	3¾	...	1.7	28.8
145.40	BSG Group	555	...	4.1	19.6
7.43	Bearing Power	21	...	8.0	10.8
1.21	Bogod 'A'	25	...	3.5	10.5
159.40	Brammer	555	+ ¼	4.7	-
4.12	Bridgend Gp	15	...	1.7	78.0
27.40	Brit Fittings	90	– 3	5.8	-
13.00	Brown & Tawse	48	+ 1	...	...
35.90	Burndene	34	+ 1	7.1	
8.80	Caffyns	245	...	6.9	40.2
10.00	Central Mtr	73	...	4.7	48.6
15.40	Cook (DC)	36	...	4.9	11.0
426.20	Cowie	261	– 2	4.4	11.2
33.40	Dag Motors	138	– 1	6.3	
24.60	Dewhurst El	503	– 10	1.5	13.9
254.30	Diploma	455	+ 10	3.7	16.0
1,131.45	Electrocomponts	536	+ 1	2.4	22.0
41.60	Electron House	163	...	2.7	19.7
204.80	Ellis & Everard	245	+ 6	4.0	16.3
55.70	European Mtr	104	– 1	5.4	11.3
121.90	Evans Halshaw	378	+ 5	5.0	
798.30	Farnell Elect	580	– 3	1.7	24.2
7.44	Fife Indmar	48	...	7.8	
25.20	Gardiner	23½	+ 1¾	4.3	10.8
4.30	Glasstorn	17	+ 1	...	18.8
8.01	Gowrings	68	+ 4	4.3	
25.70	Hallite Hldgs	89	– 1	1.8	13.2
17.80	Harris (Philip)	185	– 1	6.2	14.5
148.90	Hewden	308	+ 4	3.4	14.3
2.93	Holders Tech	94	+ 2	8.0	-
37.50	ISA Intl	94	+ 5	2.5	-
1,638.40	Inchcape	309	– 4	6.1	12.5
6.35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...		13.4
267.40	Kwik-Fit	155	+ 11½	3.5	15.3
318.30	Lex Service	334	...	5.2	17.8
32.80	Lookers	168	...	5.6	9.3
23.70	Malego	14½	...	3.4	34.5
24.00	Middlebrook	5	...	1.1	-
38.10	Norbain	347	+ 12	0.8	15.5
14.40	Northamber	85	+ 7	1.9	36.1
13.60	PCT	152	...	6.1	14.7
93.30	Pendragon	249	+ 5	4.2	14.1
35.70	Perry Gp	141	...	6.9	-
30.40	Quicks Group	132	+ ½	5.2	-
15.50	REA	178	...	4.4	35.2
5.31	Reece	3	...		
7.75	Ross Gp	5¾	...	4.9	...
41.40	SEP Ind	51	+ 2¼	2.6	17.0
17.30	TLS Range	48	...	4.0	
122.70	Time Products	237	...	4.7	15.5
100.60	Vardy (Reg)	218	+ 1	3.9	18.1
33.20	Wholesale Fitgs	288	+ 3	5.8	22.1
23.70	Wills Gp	13½	...	4.8	7.6
53.80	Wilshaw	65	– 1½	1.2	21.8
35.10	Wyko	71	...	1.8	25.8
12.10	Young (H)	78	...	8.2	18.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
130.90	Adwest	159	– 1	6.7	13.7
463.60	Antofagasta	335	+ 2	1.7	25.1
14,845.80	[illegible]	895	– 13	2.5	
12,108.30	BTR	332½	– 4½	5.9	15.3
14,063.00	BAT	456	+ 5	5.8	13.7
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ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4.65	Locker (T) A	15½	...	3.2	...
52.90	ML Hldgs	33	...	3.2	11.5
5.21	MS Intl	18	...	9.8	11.5
25.20	Mang Bronze	153	+ 2	3.7	19.0
468.80	McKechnie	410	+ 8	4.4	24.6
168.80	Meggitt	77	...	6.8	-
93.20	Metalrax	101	– 1	5.1	-
20.10	Metsec	159	...	2.9	-
192.10	Molins	585	+ 30	3.8	10.6
732.90	Morgan Cruc	334½	– 9½	5.0	16.2
27.80	Morris Ashby	227	– 1	3.4	18.4
8.12	Neepsend	39	+ 3	4.7	16.6
18.38	Neotronics	83	– 2	3.4	17.4
1.77	Newmark (L)	38	...	7.8	
9.39	OMI Intl	13	...	16.8	57.2
169.30	Oxford Inst	347	+ 3	1.8	28.4
237.80	Powerscreen	271	+ 4	3.5	11.4
35.90	Prospect Inds	12	– ½	8.9	8.1
0.81	Radiant Metal	67	...		
24.20	Ransomes	42½	...		
25.60	Record	77	– 1	6.8	15.1
161.90	Renishaw	381	+ 6	2.7	23.9
128.10	Renold	192	– ½	2.0	28.6
4.12	Richard (Leics)	49	+ 2	5.7	35.1
27.10	Richardson Westg	75	...	5.7	
2,093.70	Rolls-Royce	170½	...	3.7	25.8
139.80	Rotork	169	– 1	3.8	
36.10	Robicon	155	...	3.9	25.3
254.50	Senior Engg	84½	...	5.0	
26.50	Servomex	285	...	3.3	17.5
2,402.40	Siebe	560	– 5	2.5	18.0
106.40	Simon Eng	68	– 1		
43.16	Slk Hansford	89	...	2.3	27.6
717.30	SKF 'B'	1125			
1,469.50	Smiths Ind	488	+ 6	3.5	18.9
378.10	Spirax-Sarco	485	+ 3	3.0	17.4
99.20	Sterling Ind	247	...	3.5	16.0
1,712.90	TI	388	– 8	4.1	16.9
7.18	Tinsley (E)	97	...	7.2	13.2
69.60	Transfer Tech	72	+ 1	3.5	
88.50	Triplex Lloyd	138	...	6.4	
32.50	Utd Indsr	14½	– ½	2.8	13.8
611.80	VSEL	1610	+ 2	2.8	15.1
22.20	Vosoa	15			
628.60	Vickers	190	...	3.1	18.1
117.70	Victaulic	285	...	4.1	13.5
11.20	Wilkes Gp	9½			
267.00	Virdon	555	+ 10	2.1	...
245.90	Vosper Thorny	771	...	3.0	16.7
227.00	Wagon Ind	480	+ 3	4.7	24.4
469.20	Weir	235	– 4	3.7	18.1
48.00	Wellman	39½	...	3.2	64.5
108.30	Whatman	436	+ 1	3.2	14.5

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.08	AAF Inds	35			
13.30	Airflow Stream	158	+ 1	3.2	15.3
15.20	Armour	41½	– 1	5.5	8.7
123.90	Avon Rubber	464	+ 3	4.4	16.7
869.70	BBA	213	+ 5	2.8	...
183.10	BSG	62½	...	6.4	
12.28	Benson Group	8¾	...	5.1	11.7
48.80	Bestwood	315	+ ½	2.4	-
11.90	Boustead	18	...	6.9	-
27.30	Claverdale	13	+ ½	2.5	-
34.20	ERF	348	...	1.4	
69.80	First Tech	393	+ 2	1.7	22.7
2,175.70	GKN	627	+ 3	4.3	30.1
19,406.70	General Mtr	2731¼	– 43¾	1.8	...
10,386.80	Honda Motor	1068¼	+ 29¾	0.5	...
456.90	Laird	329	– 6	4.3	12.5
7.40	Londis	370			
1,544.80	Lucas	193	– 2	4.6	...
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
285.40	Bankers	184	– 1	2.7	...
49.60	Baring Em Eu	39½	+ 3¼	0.3	...
164.20	Baring Tribune	320	– 2	2.5	...
11.90	Berry Starq	218	...	1.3	...
292.00	Br Assets	80¼	...	6.0	...
117.50	Br Empire Sec	88	+ ¼	1.4	...
3.72	Br Empire Wts	28			
652.10	Br Inv	209	+ 3	3.0	...
48.60	Bradlan	77¼	...	0.4	...
145.80	Brunner	227	+ 1	3.8	...
64.80	BZW Conv	128½	+ ½	7.7	...
90.60	Candover	402	+ 7	3.8	...
82.00	Cantrell Eur Gwth	41	+ 3	1.3	...
33.50	China & Eastern	164	– 1	2.7	...
37.70	Cont Asset	172	+ 4	2.2	...
5.54	Dores Inv Inc	78	...	13.1	...
45.70	Derby Cap	298			
18.40	Derby Inc	158	...	13.5	...
7.46	Drayton Blue	58	...	17.8	
49.00	Drytn Eng Intl	100	+ 1	1.0	
183.60	Drytn Far East	141½	– ...	0.8	...
210.60	Dunedin Inc Gt	658	+ 1	5.1	...
17.20	Dunedin Japan	84½	+ 1½		
50.90	Dunedin Smlr	303	+ 1	3.7	
3.20	Dunedin Wts	40	+ 3		
239.90	Dunedin Worldw	716	+ 4	1.7	
345.10	Edin Dragon	92¼	...		
22.69	Edinburgh Ires	274½	+ 4	0.2	
672.60	Edinburgh	297	– 4	3.7	
14.28	EFM Japan	142	+ 4		
566.00	Electra Inv	327	– 2½	2.8	
175.40	Electric Gen	194	+ 1	2.1	
7.98	Eng & Caledon	177	...	2.8	
1.55	English Scot	118			
72.10	European Asset	289	+ 5	2.2	
69.20	Fidelity Euro Valu	154	+ 2	0.2	
77.90	Fidelity Jap Valu	74	+ 2	0.2	
24.36	Finsbury 'A'	152	...	2.6	
5.83	First Spanish	67	– 2	0.5	
189.60	Fleming Amer	281	– 5	0.8	
36.50	Fleming Chinese	60½	...	1.8	
3.68	Fleming Ch Wts	30	– 1		
129.90	Fleming Claverl	223	...	3.2	
195.20	Fleming Cont	289	+ 1½	0.9	
128.70	Fleming Em Mkts	131	+ ½		
83.60	Fleming Enlp	309	...	2.8	
470.20	Fleming F East	211	– 1	0.6	
49.00	Fleming Fledg	341	...	1.1	
32.70	Fleming Hi Inc	101	– ½	5.6	
81.30	Fleming Indian	73	– ½	1.5	
7.39	Fleming In Wts	44	– 1		
23.70	Fleming Intl	32	+ ½	13.9	
401.10	Fleming Japan	232	+ 1		
381.59	Fleming Mercnt	264	+ 1	3.3	
49.50	Fleming Nat Res	81			
303.60	Fleming Overs	289	+ 1	1.8	
1,408.30	Foreign & Col	134	– 1½	1.7	
41.60	For & Col Inc Gwth	97	...	2.7	
189.80	Frgn Emg Mkts	100½	+ 1½		
67.40	Frgn Enterprise	71¾	– ¾	1.4	
133.30	Frgn Eurotst	214	– 3	0.7	
48.30	Frgn German	123	...	0.5	
355.70	Frgn Pacific	309	+ 4	1.0	
70.00	Frgn PEP	127	...	3.4	
170.10	Frgn Smaller	152½	+ ½	1.6	
51.70	Frgn US Smlr	103	+ 1		
2.89	Fulcrum Cap	18			
4.38	Fulcrum Inc	39	...	27.8	
12.70	Fulcrum Zero	146½	+ ½		
101.00	Gartmore Brit	202	...	4.5	
24.10	Gartmore Euro	141½	+ 2	0.8	
29.20	Gartmore Shrd	86	...	14.0	
31.90	G'more Smlr Cos	215	– 1	3.4	
20.39	General Inc Inv	88	– 1½	12.1	
27.20	Genl Cons Cap	150			
38.70	Genl Inc	107	...	10.9	
37.00	German Inv	95	+ 1	0.1	
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17.60	Murray Euro	59½	...	0.7	...
0.69	Murray Eu Wts	11¾			
383.60	Murray Income	328	– 5	4.6	
396.70	Murray Intl	330	– 3	4.8	
10.60	Murray S/C DP	166	+ ½		
7.78	Murray S/C Cap	138	+ 1		
6.68	Murray S/C Inc	76	...	17.4	
1.52	Murray S/C Wts	2925		4.5	
227.28	Murray Small	405	+ 2	1.2	
88.20	Murray Ventrt	357	...	4.6	
6.52	Newmarket	18			
20.70	Nafareg Inct	53	...	10.0	
19.40	Nafareg Cap	78			
126.90	O'seas Inv Tst	333	+ 1½	1.2	...
2.87	O'seas Wts	160			
91.00	Pacific Assets	446	+ 1	0.4	
11.30	Pacific Wts	349	+ 2		
32.00	Perpetual Jap	87½	+ 2		
17.40	Personal Assets	8700	+ 50	2.8	...
40.10	Pilot Inv	109	...	1.8	
7.88	Piper Euro Sm	78			
66.30	Prolific Inct	94½	+ 1	1.0	
318.00	RIT Cap Ptnr	178	...	1.1	
10.50	River Merc Am Cap	28	– ¼		
7.20	River Merc Am Inc	97	...	10.1	
0.49	River Merc Am Wts	6½			
47.50	River Merc Cap	118			
33.40	River Merc Ex Inc	90	...	11.1	
0.86	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	11			
11.50	River Merc Grd Inc	82	...	12.8	
6.19	River Merc Grd Pfd	26			
21.50	River Merc Tst Inc	107	...	10.7	
31.80	River Merc Sm Co	126	– 1	4.1	
1.51	River Merc Sm Wt	33	...	3.5	
	Robeco	487	...	1.6	
	Rolinco	412			
103.80	Schrod Jap Gwth	83	+ 2		
10.90	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	43¼	+ 1		
42.10	Schrod Korea Fd	638	– 16½	0.2	...
3.42	Sch Korea Fd Wt	311¼	– ½		
42.50	Sch Spl Zero Div	112½			
6.93	Sch Split Fd Cap	24½	– ½		
57.70	Sch Split Fd Inc	102	...	9.2	
116.00	Schrod UK Gwth	99	+ 1	1.9	
	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	31			
592.40	Scot	218½	+ ½	2.9	
354.40	Scot American	158½	...	3.9	
56.00	Scot Asian	282	+ 1		
4.17	Scot Wts	595			
511.60	Scot Eastern	80¾	– 1¾	2.4	
793.50	Scot Mtge	220	– 2	2.4	
126.10	Scot Natl Tst	79	...	11.9	
51.80	Scot Value	103	...	2.4	
307.40	Second Alliance	1601	– 1	3.4	
269.10	Secs Tst of Scot	84	...	5.2	
35.80	Selective Asset	124	...	1.6	
24.60	SHIRESCOT	127	...	5.6	
40.30	Sphere Inv	33¼	+ 2	15.1	
185.60	St Andrew Invt	307	+ 2	3.3	...
197.10	Temple Bar	344	– 3	5.1	
101.70	Thmtn Asian E	101½	+ 2¼	0.6	...
1.50	Thorng Dual Cp	43	– 2		
227.18	Throgmorton	74¼	– ¼	3.8	
437.30	Tmpltn Emrg Mkt	109	+ 1½	0.8	
310.10	TR City Of Lon	151½	+ ¼	4.3	
96.30	TR Euro Growth	189	+ ½	1.3	
70.30	TR Far East	148	– 1	5.0	
139.40	TR Pacific	104	– 1½	0.2	
197.70	TR Property	29¾	– ¼	3.8	
337.90	TR Smlr Cos	184	– ½	2.6	
37.40	TR Tech Inv	103	...	2.1	
23.80	Turkey Trust	240	+ 6	1.0	
82.70	USDC Invest	226	– 1	2.5	
55.30	Undervalued Ast	103			
52.50	Value Inc Tst	118	– ½	4.4	
24.40	Warrants & Val	30½			
12.20	Wigmore	60	...	1.0	
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MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
112.90	Abbott Mead	354	+ 7	2.7	-
50.90	Adscene	286	+ 1	3.1	17.9
190.30	[illegible] Gp	24½	– ¼	...	9.7
3.44	Allied Radio	2½			
1.08	BBB Design	13	...		35.9
33.10	Barbour Index	196	– 1	5.5	17.5
4.76	Birkdale	5¼			
5.05	Black (A&C)	325	...	5.6	-
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
219.70	Blenheim Gp	235	+ 13	5.6	13.0
21.30	Border TV	208	...	2.6	18.3
57.40	Bristol	352	...	4.4	35.8
4,253.30	B Sky B	248	– 10	...	46.7
55.40	CIA Gpt	135	+ 7½	1.7	-
20.80	Caledonian Med	27½			
277.00	Capital Radio	380	– 2	2.4	23.7
2,113.70	Carlton Comms	919	– 13	2.8	16.9
6.87	City of Lon	87	...	6.3	13.3
204.00	Cordiant	92	– ½	...	15.6
69.50	Daily Mail	1390¼	...	1.5	23.6
1,109.50	Daily Mail 'A'	1112½	...	1.9	18.9
237.90	Dorling Kindt	368	+ 11	1.2	34.5
847.70	EMAP	429	+ 2	2.6	23.7
4,642.30	Elsevier	706½	+ 33¼		
334.40	Euromoney Pb	1535	...	3.5	22.1
4.09	Fitch	11½			
376.80	Flextech	403	– 8		
88.10	GWR Gp	918	+ 27	1.8	22.6
43.80	Gold Greenlees	164	...	3.0	19.8
8.08	Goodhead	30	...	0.3	
36.90	Grampian	262	...	3.8	14.0
148.20	HTV Group	169	+ 5	1.7	24.7
4.24	Harrington K	40	+ 1	3.1	
44.99	Haynes Publ	288	...	3.9	16.0
117.30	Hodder H'line	336	+ 4	2.2	-
14.00	Home Counst	140	...	4.9	-
333.90	Independent	278	+ 14	3.9	13.3
94.50	Intl Bus Comm	243	+ 1	3.3	11.9
6.66	Intereurope	128	...	7.6	33.0
189.20	Johnston Press	141	– 1	1.8	-
7.96	Lopex	15	...	2.1	-
63.40	MAID	78			
52.50	Metal Bulletin	930	+ 2	2.8	24.1
155.10	Midland Ind	112½	– 1½	3.7	-
562.30	Mirror Gp	135	– 1	3.3	9.2
117.00	More O'Ferrall	380	...	4.6	-
5,511.20	News Corp	296	– 16	0.5	19.7
1,982.10	News Intl	387	...	1.0	5.6
7.80	Osprey Comms	29			
3,141.20	Pearson	567	+ 9	3.3	16.6
87.30	Photofn	246	– 1		
71.50	Portsmth Sund	395	...	2.3	12.3
39.70	Quarto	216	...	3.6	-
4,523.30	Reed Intl	802	...	3.4	-
8,078.00	Reuters	484	– 1½	2.1	23.2
55.20	Scot Radio	239	+ 1	2.8	19.0
216.90	Scot TV	449	+ 4¼	3.9	
37.90	SelecTV	26½	– ½		
47.70	Shandwick	35¼	...	4.6	8.1
36.10	Southnews	333	– 1	1.8	23.4
9.79	Sterling Publ	21	...	21.7	2.0
7.07	Sunset & Vine	124	...	4.0	10.5
77.90	Taylor Nelson	35½	+ ¼	2.3	-
572.30	Telegraph	423	+ 2	3.8	18.1
4,766.50	Thomson Corp	815	+ 10	4.9	40.3
229.40	Trinity Intl	339	...	4.0	13.9
76.70	Ulster TV	730	+ 10	3.4	-
1,220.10	Utd Newspapers	489	– 7	5.8	12.6
9.26	VTR	89	– 1	5.6	8.5
5.64	WMGO	8½	...	15.6	3.9
775.80	WPP	106	– 3	1.3	13.3
233.20	Yorkshire TV	459	+ 5	1.1	-

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,053.30	Ang Am Coal	4181¼	...	2.2	22.9
8,235.20	Ang Am	3534¾	+ 9¾	2.0	33.3
1,405.60	Ang Am Gold	5821¼	– 100	4.5	15.8
18.60	Anglo Pac Res	24			
1,305.80	Ashanti	1556¼	+ 3¾	1.0	18.9
307.60	Ashton	110	+ 3	4.8	
42.60	Bakyrchik	169			
387.70	Beatrix	412½	– ½	4.6	21.7
3.04	Bischi	39	...	2.9	25.0
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OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
17.40	BWD	90	– 1	5.8	8.7
39.60	Baltic Pict	137	+ 2	2.9	-
3.44	Berry Bch Nbl	59	...	12.0	8.0
90.90	[illegible] Inv	153	+ 1		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
30.20	Brown Dolphin	145	..	4.3	11.1
551.00	Caledonia	663	...	3.1	18.1
57.50	Camellia	2300	+ 18¾	1.7	6.1
27.80	Carlisle	17½	+ ¾	3.6	24.8
222.50	Cattles	164	+ 5	4.4	-
5.41	Chieftain	21	..	..	50.8
6.70	EFG	14½	..	0.9	9.5
38.00	EFT Group	76	– ½	2.9	13.1
144.60	EFM	762	+ 2	3.9	15.6
208.20	Exco	169	...	4.5	-
125.80	First Nat Fin	74½	...	2.5	47.5
352.60	Gartmore	175	+ 1	3.9	14.7
205.90	Govett	293	– 4	6.2	4.9
243.60	Henderson Ad	1128	+ 25	5.0	15.6
501.90	Invesco	181	+ 1	2.7	17.0
13.00	Investment Co	47	...	4.7	15.0
67.30	Ivory Sime	228	+ 5	4.1	17.8
1,990.90	Jardine Stgc	210¾	– 2¾	4.3	-
15.20	Johnson Fry	101	– 4	2.5	-
168.50	Lon Forfaitng	166	+ 1	7.0	14.4
75.90	Lon Scot Bk	175	...	4.1	16.4
416.30	Man ED & F	162	– 1	6.6	8.9
828.10	M & G	1113	+ 15	3.4	19.5
858.70	MAI	256	– 2	3.8	12.9
	MAI 5.5% Cv Pf	88	– 1		
1,413.70	MAM	778	– 14	3.7	18.1
89.60	Nat Home Loan	102	– 1	...	9.3
404.10	Perpetual	1475	– 16	3.0	16.0
758.60	Provident	564	+ 4	4.5	13.9
71.40	Rathbone Bros	305	+ 1	3.7	-
83.20	Rutland Tst	25½	– ¼	4.9	-
36.70	S & U	311	+ 2	4.4	10.1
40.10	Sterndick	237	...	4.7	8.9
316.50	SJP Capital	115¼	– 2½	3.2	8.2
291.40	Smith New Crt	431	+ 2	2.9	5.0
11.20	Towry Law	73	– 1	7.9	17.4
14.20	Trip Hldgs	17	– 3	0.7	27.9
3.30	Western Selectn	22	..	1.4	...

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.10	Brit Biotech	495			
11.20	Cantab Pharms	113	– 35	..	
205.50	Celltech	289	– 6		
80.20	Chiroscience	118	– 2		
43.60	Cortecs	39½	+ 1½		
1,297.10	Fisons	179	+ 1	3.0	
24,859.50	Glaxo	716	+ 3	4.9	16.4
79.90	Grampian Hldgs	115	+ 1	6.2	-
708.80	Medeva	247½	+ 21	1.7	17.0
2.92	Premier Health	1			
32.20	Quality Care	230	..	2.4	11.4
255.20	Scotia	395	– 6	..	
8.37	Shield Diag	45			
8,819.10	SmithKline	492	– 28	3.4	36.3
6,274.90	Smkline Uts	479	– 25	3.4	25.6
9,252.40	Wellcome	1056	– 6	2.7	22.7
8,580.20	Zeneca	907	+ 19	3.9	20.5

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.40	AG Holdings	130		5.4	12.5
91.80	API	429	+ 2	2.6	20.4
2,110.40	Arjo Wiggins	258	– 5½	3.5	13.6
22.40	Ascon Coms	165	+ 1	4.1	-
119.00	Bemrose	373	+ 12	4.4	
2,224.40	Bowater	444	– 4	3.9	13.9
823.20	Bowater Inc	2250	– 40¾		
76.70	Bowmore Intl	279	+ 2	2.8	-
158.70	Br Polythene	522	+ 1½	3.3	-
5.96	Br Thornton	37	– 2	6.8	3.3
195.70	Britton Grp	142	+ 6	2.2	16.2
779.40	Bunzl	183	+ 3	3.4	15.2
42.10	Capital Indst	151		3.8	-
1,794.10	Carnaud Md	2225	– 37½	2.5	
19.80	Cropper (James)	238	...	1.8	12.5
2,002.50	De La Rue	898	+ 6	2.9	16.3
4.73	Delyn Group	55		3.8	10.0
21.80	Dolphin Packt	93	+ ½	6.0	-
27.40	Fairway Group	84		5.4	13.7
135.80	Ferguson Intl	337	+ 2	4.7	13.5
16.50	Ferry Pickr	123	+ 18	5.9	12.0
73.60	Inveresk	140	– 3	4.9	-
123.50	Jarvis Porter	264½	+ 17½	2.6	17.2
442.80	Low & Bonar	450	– 2	3.2	15.0
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PROPERTY

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RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.10	ERA Gp	8		..	12.5
13.30	Essex Furn	107	+ 2	5.4	11.9
127.80	Etam	185	+ 1	4.9	10.8
276.00	Fine Art Dev	345	+ 1	5.3	10.7
2.62	Final Earth	46	..	...	21.3
18.90	Flying Flowers	104	– 7	2.3	13.6
51.20	French Conn	284	...		12.0
185.20	Frost Group	263	– 1	2.8	-
10.70	Gieves	47		4.0	16.8
28.00	Goldsmiths Gp	128	+ 2	3.0	-
5,774.40	GUS	574	– 3	2.9	16.5
48.60	Hamleys	213	+ 13	4.2	-
7.50	Hampden Grp	50	– 4	3.1	-
336.40	Hse of Fraser	146½	– 7½	4.8	18.4
17.10	Hughes (TJ)	83		3.8	13.6
81.60	JJB Sports	272	+ 2	2.8	10.6
2,992.60	Kingfisher	448	– 3	4.2	17.3
13.90	Kwalite	100	+ 5	1.9	28.5
53.30	Liberty	238		3.9	-
264.90	Lloyds Chemt	218	+ 17	5.6	7.1
701.60	MFI	120½	– 2½	4.3	15.1
11,578.50	Marks Spencer	412	– 8	2.9	18.3
279.10	Menzies (John)	502		3.1	11.9
69.90	Moss Bros	411	+ 18	3.7	-
1,122.60	Next	300	+ 4½	3.8	15.4
2.32	OEM	38			
22.40	Oliver (G)	68½	– ½	1.4	14.4
17.90	Partridge Fine	81	– 2	5.1	9.1
45.00	QS Hldgs	114		5.9	-
21.50	Rhino Grp.A	16	+ 5½		
23.30	Rosebys	116	+ 2	5.2	12.7
1,576.60	Sears	104	– 3½	4.5	17.7
43.20	Signet Group	14¾	– ¼		
1,185.40	Smith WH	418	+ 9	4.7	21.5
275.80	Sothebys	813		3.2	38.9
986.10	Storehouse	237	+ 3	3.0	19.4
58.20	Stylo	193		4.7	-
107.60	T & S Stores	166	+ 2	4.9	-
61.20	Tie Rack	119	+ 6	2.4	-
4.66	Union & South	3	– ¼		
346.90	Vendome	497	+ 7	2.3	22.7
36.40	WEW Group	25		3.5	20.8
7.02	Wld of Leather	58	..	3.2	-
64.00	Wyevale	167	+ 2	3.6	-

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,474.60	Allied Domecq	531	– 10	5.3	14.3
213.80	Bulmer (HP)	405	+ 1	3.4	21.9
81.70	Burn Stewart	104	+ 2	6.0	21.4
8,519.00	Grand Met	408	+ 3	4.3	18.4
9,448.90	Guinness	468		3.7	14.7
467.50	Highland Distr	352		2.6	15.9
214.40	Macallan-Glenl	184	– 2	0.9	-
86.30	[illegible] 'A'	630		2.0	27.1
265.80	Matthew Clar	579	+ 3	4.0	26.6
8.61	Minydon W	79	– 3	4.0	-
157.70	Taunton Cider	144	...	5.9	11.2

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
194.20	ACT Group	110		6.0	11.6
989.70	ADT	720	– 10		
15.20	Alphameric	36½			27.8
71.80	Auto Sec	60			
1,094.00	BET Ord	117	+ 2½	3.7	16.7
30.60	BNB Rest	143	– 4	4.8	
63.10	BPP	240		5.0	-
42.10	BSM	151		5.3	11.7
25.80	Black & Edg	4¾	...		
177.50	Borland	625	– 75		
30.00	Brit Data Mgt	123	+ 1	5.5	8.7
7.80	Brooks Service	65		4.2	
59.90	CRT Grp	89	+ 1	4.7	21.9
84.40	Capita Group	154		2.7	
845.00	Chubb Sec	302	– 4	2.7	17.6
56.80	Compu People	232	– 1	1.6	-
44.60	Corp Services	80	+ 6	3.1	-
24.50	Coutlc Cnsltg	53	+ 1	3.5	
224.30	Davis Service	219		5.0	13.1
8.57	Dudley Jenkins	68		6.2	12.9
10.20	EW Facit	56	– 9	11.0	-
36.70	El Data Prc	140		1.8	13.7
1,231.40	Hays	303	+ 6¼	2.6	18.1
113.30	Hogg Robinson	163	– 1	5.6	10.5
9.37	Intl Cm & Data	14½			7.4
460.40	ISS B Dk	1771¼	+ 12½	1.4	16.0
51.80	JBA Hldgs	157	– ½	2.6	-
124.50	Johnson Cleaners	252		5.4	-
16.80	Kalamazoo	88	– 7	4.9	9.9
34.40	Kewill Sys	280	– 3	3.3	10.3
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BUILDING MATERIALS

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BUSINESS SERVICES

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CHEMICALS

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ELECTRICITY

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ELECTRONIC & ELECT

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FOOD MANUFACTURERS

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HEALTHCARE

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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE & HOTELS

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OIL & GAS

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RETAILERS, FOOD

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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TEXTILES & APPAREL

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TRANSPORT

[illegible]

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,936.50	Severn Trent	532	+ 7	5.5	8.9
126.70	South Staffs	2185	+ 35	3.1	13.2
652.50	South West	517	– 4	6.3	7.6
1,007.40	Southern	594	+ 12	5.0	8.6
1,864.00	Thames	491	+ 2	5.9	7.4
899.00	Welsh	617	+ 1	5.3	6.8
722.80	Wessex	282	+ 9	5.4	7.4
1,107.70	Yorkshire	547	+ 7	5.4	8.0

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101	– [illegible]	10.15	6.31
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	103[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	12.32	6.53
770	Treas 14% 1996	105[illegible]	– [illegible]	13.32	6.90
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	108 ‡	– [illegible]	14.12	7.04
808	Exch 13¼% 1996	109[illegible] ‡	– [illegible]	12.48	7.07
3,469	Conv 10% 1996	103[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	9.64	7.42
1,899	Treas 7% 1997	98[illegible]		7.10	7.66
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109[illegible]	– [illegible]	12.14	7.57
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.01	7.57
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102		8.58	7.77
830	Exch 15% 1997	115[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	12.94	7.87
3,900	Exch 9¾% 1998	104[illegible]	..	9.35	7.99
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	98[illegible]		7.39	8.00
1,209	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	96[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	6.98	8.01
870	Treas 14% 1998-01	115[illegible] ‡	– [illegible]	12.11	8.17
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121[illegible]	...	12.71	8.05
3,989	Exch 12% 1998	111[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	10.74	8.17
1,908	Treas 9½% 1999	104[illegible]		9.11	8.17
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.82	8.23
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	9.75	8.23
6,250	Treas 6% 1999	92[illegible]	– [illegible]	6.59	8.17
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107[illegible] ‡	– [illegible]	9.55	8.39

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	103	– [illegible]	8.74	8.24
2,800	Treas 8% 2000	97[illegible]		8.08	8.22
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.90	8.38
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	107[illegible]	– [illegible]	9.30	8.35
7,200	Treas 7% 2001	93[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	7.49	8.53
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	107[illegible]	– [illegible]	9.11	8.43
6,250	Treas 8% 2003	97[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.19	8.55
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	109[illegible]	– [illegible]	9.17	8.45
1,020	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.13	8.53
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	76[illegible]	– [illegible]	4.59	7.08
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	108[illegible]xd	– [illegible]	8.80	8.64
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	89[illegible] ‡		7.54	8.35
6,400	Treas 8½% 2005	101[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.41	8.33
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	107[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.87	8.42
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	123[illegible] ‡	– [illegible]	10.15	8.53
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	95[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.10	8.33
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	97[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.22	8.38
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	117[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.02	8.65
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	101[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.40	8.34
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129[illegible]	– [illegible]	10.39	8.62
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	105[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.55	8.34
3,459	Treas 8% 2009	97[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.24	8.33

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
4,750	Treas [illegible] 2010	82[illegible]xd	...	7.58	8.27
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	105[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.51	8.34
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	105[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.49	8.33
1,008	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75[illegible]	+ [illegible]	7.25	8.12
5,808	Treas 8% 2013	97[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.24	8.29
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.18	8.30
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	104[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.35	8.27
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	132[illegible]	– [illegible]	9.06	8.49

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42[illegible]	+ [illegible]	8.27	...
475	Treas 2½%	29[illegible]	– [illegible]	8.41	

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	207[illegible]	– [illegible]	1.28	3.17
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109[illegible] ‡	– [illegible]	2.47	3.45
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2001	190[illegible]	...	3.39	3.76
1,600	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169[illegible] ‡	+ [illegible]	3.40	3.77
1,800	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	3.41	3.78
1,750	Treas IL 2% 2006	173[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.50	3.77
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150[illegible]xd	+ [illegible]	3.54	3.77
2,180	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.58	3.79
2,600	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130[illegible]	...	3.58	3.78
2,800	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.62	3.80
2,900	Treas IL 2½% 2020	136[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.65	3.80
2,450	Treas IL 2½% 2024	119[illegible]	+ [illegible]	3.64	3.78
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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Markets focus on Washington

ICI's Sir Ronald Hampel should see profits surge

THE attention of the world's financial markets will be squarely trained on Washington this week with the Group of Seven industrialised nations meeting tomorrow and the International Monetary Fund holding its spring meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. The fate of the dollar will, for the markets, be the main issue.

But there is considerable economic interest back in Britain, too, with the publication of the first snapshot of economic growth in the first quarter and the latest Confederation of British Industry quarterly and monthly trends survey. The City will be looking for more confirmation that the British recovery is losing momentum before the May 5 meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George to discuss interest rates.

The Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England may be concerned about sterling's decline *against the mark*, but its slide has provided a windfall *for the likes of ICI*, which unveils first-quarter figures *on Thursday*.

Brokers claim the figures are likely *to benefit to the* tune of almost £10 million from currency *fluctuations*, mostly relating to the movements between sterling and the mark, with Germany still proving to be one of the group's biggest export markets.

Pre-tax profits are expected to surge by about 90 per cent to between £180 million and £190 million, with the improvement in earnings proving even more impressive. Brokers such as UBS are forecasting a leap of 117 per cent to 13p a share.

BANK OF SCOTLAND: At first glance, full-year figures from the Bank of Scotland should make impressive reading when they are unveiled on Wednesday, with pre-tax profits set to leap almost 70 per cent from £269 million to £455 million. But much of the improvement will come from a sharp drop in provisions for bad and doubtful debts and the absence of the previous year's revaluation deficit. Even so, the group's trading performance should be remarkably better than its high street rivals, with it achieving useful volume growth.

ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS: *ABF is one of those* companies that enjoys a sizeable cushion *from recession* in the shape a £400 million cash surplus. It is an enviable position for the Sunblest and Mighty White bread group, although the returns from the cash mountain last year left a lot to be desired. However, an improvement is envisaged this time round, with the bond market rising 2 per cent during the period under review and interest rates also rising.

As a result, pre-tax profits are expected to grow from £152 million to about £170 million when the group reveals half-year figures today. On the trading front, food manufacturing margins re*main under pressure* and the beet harvest produced lower *returns* on the previous year.

SEARS: *Brokers are predict*ing a small drop in pre-tax profits from £138 million to £130 million when full-year figures are announced by the retail chain tomorrow. Strong performances are expected from British Shoe, Selfridges and some of its other retail operations. But this will be offset to some extent by Freemans, the mail order business, which was hit by price reductions before Christmas. Sears has undergone some changes with the restructuring of three loss-making businesses. However, the dividend is expected to grow 9 per cent to 4p.

JANET BUSH AND MICHAEL CLARK

The Sunday Times: **Buy**: Asda, BT, MEPC, JJB Sports, Melrose Energy, Hamlet Gp; **Sell**: WH Smith. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy**: Harrisons & Crosfield, JJB Sports, CLS Hldgs, Parity, Morgan Crucible, Guardian Royal Exch, Melrose Energy, BM Gp. *The Observer*: **Buy**: Melrose Energy, Havelock Europa, Severfield-Reeve, Albt Fisher. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy**: Asda, TLS Range. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy**: T&S, French Connection, Farnell Electronics; **Sell**: Sears. *Sunday Express*: **Buy**: Utd Biscuits; **Sell**: Sears, WH Smith.

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Abtrust Preferred Income (Q3), Amoco (Q1), Associated British Foods, Dupont (Q1), Exxon (Q1), Govett Strategic Investment Trust, Mckechnie, Melrose Energy, Mobil (Q1), Nynex (Q1), Stratagem Group, VTR. **Finals:** BS Group, Eadie Holdings, EIS Group, Farnell Electronics, Fleming Income & Capital, How Group, Kleinwort Endowment Policy, Mice Group, Oxford Molecular, Wensum.
Statistics: Building societies' monthly figures (March), provisional estimates of M4 and counterparts (March), major British banking groups' monthly statement (end-March).

TOMORROW

Interims: Butte Mining, Cosalt, Ferraris Group, Goodyear (Q1), Hollas Group (second interim), Ivory & Sime (Q1), McCarthy & Stone, St Ives, Shires High-Yielding (Q1), Tweefontein United, UAL (Q1). **Finals:** Boosey & Hawkes, Contra-Cyclical Investment Trust, Glenchewton, Huntleigh Technology, Ipeco Holdings, Parambe, PCT Group, Ramco Energy, Sears, S&U.
Statistics: Balance of trade with countries outside the European Union (March), gross domestic product (Q1 — preliminary estimate), CBI industrial trends survey (Q1).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Air London International, Christiania Bank (Q1), DFS Furniture, Philips (Q1), Rhône-Poulenc (Q1). **Finals:** Bank of Scotland, Bentalls, Berkeley Business Group, Bisichi Mining, Crane Europe, Dencora, English National Investment, Farringford, JJB Sports, Thomas Jourdan, Lionheart, London & Associated Investment, Sentry Farming, Shiloh, Venturi Investment Trust.
Statistics: Bricks and cement production and deliveries (Q1), mortgage possession actions and orders (Q1).

THURSDAY

Interims: Blackwood Hodge, Gartmore British Income (quarterly), ICI (Q1), Majedie Investments, Moran Holdings, Wigmore Property Investments. **Finals:** Aerostructures Hamble, Aminex, Austin Reed Group, Daks Simpson, Environmental Investment, Etam, Folkes Group, Foreign & Colonial Pacific Investment Trust, French Connection Group, Highcroft Investment Trust, William Jacks, London American Growth, Radiotrust, Scottish Mortgage & Trust, Trinity Holdings.
Statistics: Energy trends (February), new vehicle registrations (March).

FRIDAY

Interims: Benchmark Group, Conrad, Ramus Holdings. **Finals:** Alida Holdings, Anagen, Costain, Grampian Television, Richards Group, Storm Group.
Statistics: Digest of statistics (April), economic trends (April).

Britons addicted to consumption, says HSBC report

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

BRITAIN is chronically addicted to consumption and its people tend to live beyond *their means, according to* a report out today.

The addiction was manageable until the mid-1980s but *everyone has suffered since* then as financial deregulation and income tax cuts fuelled a sharp rise in consumption's share of gross domestic product, the report says.

However, Ian Shepherdson, economist with HSBC Markets, argues that Britain can be weaned off the consumption drug. "After the cold turkey of 1990-91, the remainder of the 1990s will be the years of rehabilitation as consumption shrinks as a proportion of GDP," he says.

The rise in consumption hit the balance of payments and facilitated a hefty and sustained *increase* in retailers' mark-ups, boosting inflation, Mr Shepherdson says. However, consumption rates *will* fall because financial deregu*lation was a one-off, an effect*ively independent Bank of England and *unforgiving* markets will not let govern*ments pursue* reckless policies, and consumers are still scarred by the experience of the recession, he argues.

The slowing down of consumption will, over the next few years, keep inflation, at the retail level, under "systematic downward pressure relative to producer prices, and the current account will not be a threat to sustained economic growth", he says.

Slowing consumption will hit politicians since "consumers' sense of well-being, which comes from [and further feeds] consumption, *fails* to reappear for years".

The *slow* growth in consumption will not make people permanently less confi*dent, but "consumer confi*dence will not return to the *levels seen in* the late-1980s for the foreseeable future, even *after the inevitable* pre-election tax cuts".

However, it will all be worth it, he argues, "if Britain emerges as a nation better able to cope and compete in the new world economic environment". Financial markets are increasingly willing to punish countries whose economic management does not make the grade, he says, so "the consequences of failure would be awful".

However, in the longer term, those people feeling gloomy because they are unable to *consume all they would like to* will be outweighed by those who realise that real incomes are higher, job security is better and *economic uncertainty is* reduced, he says.

Nuclear decision imminent

The English and Scottish nuclear power generators could be sold off as a package, under proposals aimed at raising up to £3 billion to fund tax cuts before the next election. A final *decision* on whether to merge Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear is expected this week.

Opposition is likely from *those who fear safety* standards could be cut in a privatised nuclear *industry. It also* risks a snub by City investors, angry over the less-than-successful sale of National Power and PowerGen shares.

R-R jobs at risk

Rolls-Royce is thought to be *slimming its aero-engine* business further, taking the number *of engineering jobs lost to* 1,000. It has said 600 jobs will *go from its East Kilbride plant* near Glasgow. Reports yesterday said 400 *more* could go.

Glaxo wins case

The US Court of Appeals has *ruled for Glaxo in a patent* infringement case over its Zantac ulcer drug. *It will prevent* Novopharm, a Canadian *company, from marketing* a generic version until 2002.

British Gas standards of service 'fall sharply'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITISH GAS must "improve significantly" its service standards before competition in the gas market begins, the Gas Consumers' Council will say today as it records a 150 per cent increase in consumer complaints over gas.

In its annual report, the statutory GCC says that service standards in British Gas have "fallen sharply" over the past year. Customer care, it says, "appears to have been put temporarily to one side" and consumers were reacting with "dissatisfaction, anger and frustration".

The GCC says that year on year, complaints over gas are now 150 per cent up — more than 15,200 compared with 6,100 a year ago.

The council is also critical of the Government's Bill to extend competition in the gas market, arguing that there should be a requirement in the Bill, rather than its accompanying licences, for gas prices and customer service standards to be published by individual providers.

Insisting that the current licences will not prevent cherry-picking, James Cooper, the chairman of the GCC, said that British Gas should have improved its service "in order to gain customer loyalty while it still maintains a monopoly of public gas supply. Sadly, the opposite occurred".

Gas consumers, the council says, displayed "unprecedented customer dissatisfaction" with British Gas in 1994.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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Finland Mkk	7.53	6.88
France Fr	8.33	7.68
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	13.06	12.06
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Israel	5.2802	4.5302
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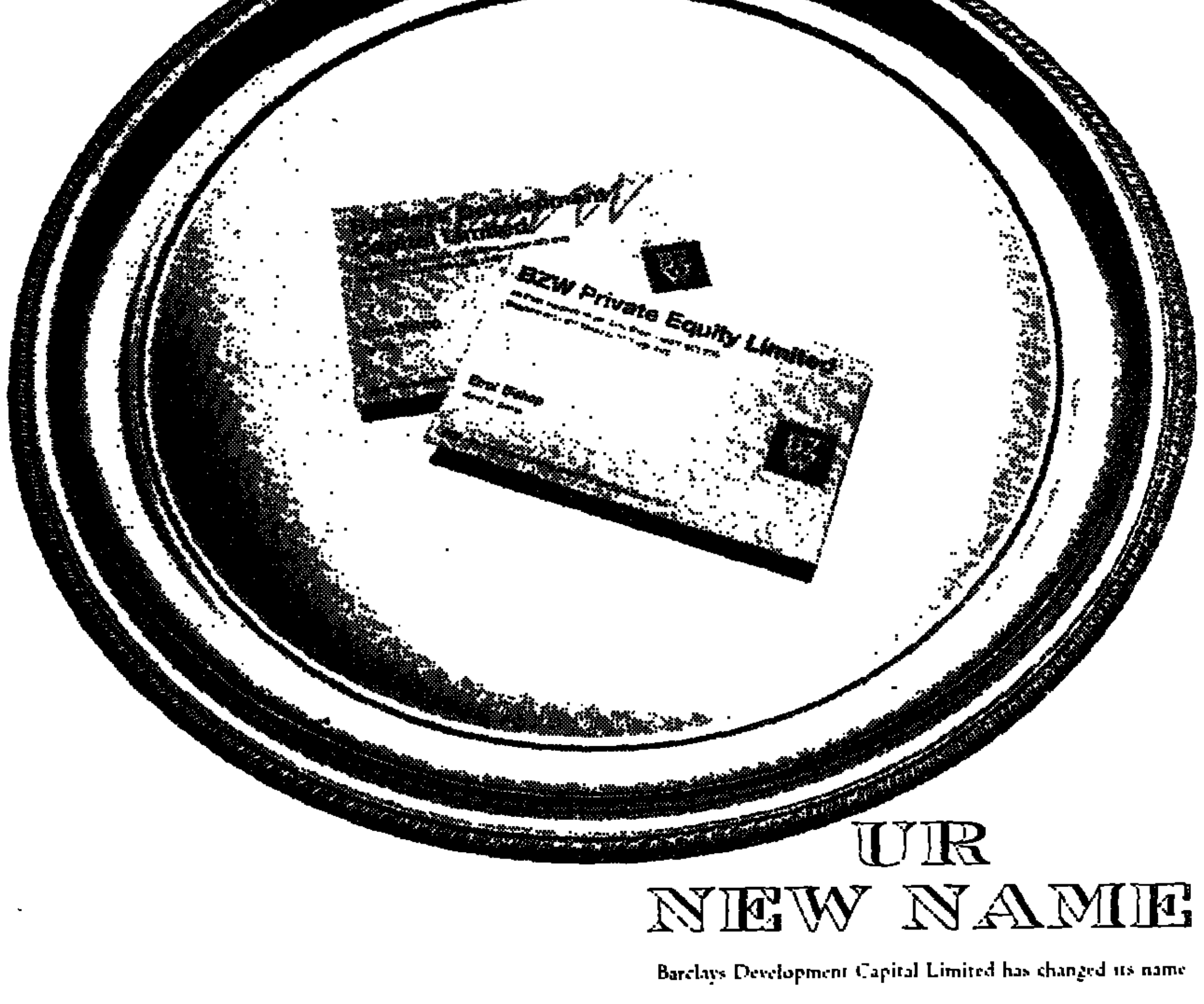

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Hoist the green flag for industrial growth

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

John Major has good reason to feel peeved. Before the 1992 election, when a big Green Party European vote was still fresh in the mind, the Prime Minister set up a third leg for the Queen's Awards to industry. Henceforward, they would recognise environmental achievement as well as exports and technology. Or so he thought. When the 1995 awards were unveiled on Friday, there were 140 for export, 17 for technology but only six for environmental achievement. Two of these were for the same development of a "greener" spirits bottle.

Officials explain that applications have naturally tailed off, from 240 in 1993 to 137, because of bunching in the first year. There is another explanation. Over the past five years, the success rate for export entries averaged 11.2 per cent. For environmental bids, the chance of winning started at a puny 5 per cent, edged up to 6 and has now shrunk to 3.7 per cent (allowing for the double). Unless companies are ecologically incorrect enough to waste more energy and paper, entries might well fall again next year.

Perhaps officials decided off their own bat that Mr Major's environmental award initiative was just a cynical political response to a passing fad and should be buried as soon as it was decent to do so. Perhaps they were right. Otherwise, the paucity of awards suggests that British industry's environmental record must be appalling. Number 10 might care to ponder which is the case. Either way, it suggests that government policy in this area should be more long-term and well considered than privatising nuclear power to fund one-off tax cuts.

Whitehall, like industry, is ambiguous about environmental issues. Consumer-related firms are anxious to satisfy "green" preferences. But campaigners tend to adopt an anti-business tone that arouses resentment and undermines co-operation.

Privatised water companies have invested with outstanding success in environmental improvements. They are also creating a new export industry, selling expertise to fast-growing emerging economies, though such long-term developments are unlikely to survive a wave of utility takeovers. Yet the water industry has, over the same period, become one of the most unpopular in Britain, damned for not clearing up the mess of its state past fast enough, for charging customers for improvements and for building new activities on the back of utility profits. The waste management industry, including nuclear fuel reprocessing, is viewed more as polluter than cleaner-up.

These mutual suspicions are costing the economy dear. The public's insistence on cleaner water, air and land, the perceived threat of global warming and the desire to protect the natural world are spawning the growth industries of the new century. Britain is still missing out on too many of them, allowing Germany, Japan and America to take the lead.

The enormous scope was suggested last week by a study from The Environmental Industries Commission, a new London-based lobby group set up by some closely involved firms. It quotes studies that variously project the world market for environmental technologies and services will be worth $320 billion a year in five years or $600 billion in a decade. The figures vary according to definition. By any definition, they are huge. The emphasis is on process engineering, controls, measurement and consulting. These relate mostly to water and sewage, in which European producers are ahead, solid waste, in which America dominates, and air pollution, in which Japan was virtually obliged to take the lead to avoid choking. In terms of patents, Germany leads the world and Britain is nowhere.

The comparison is not entirely fair, because Germany has long been strong in mechanical equipment and Britain has grown weak. Indeed, the concept of separate "environmental industries" is questionable. Energy-saving lightbulbs or Body Shop's more natural cosmetics are commercially just as important. So are water-based car paints, which featured in ICI's winning Queen's Award entry.

The central message from the study is, however, universal. Environmental progress — which brings the growth industries and market-beating products — stems largely from legislation or regulation. One survey found that, in the UK, 90 per cent of respondents from mainstream industry who invested in environmental protection were driven by legislation. The strongest environmental growth industries develop where legislation is most stringent, as in Scandinavia. Those who act first profit when others eventually follow.

That is an uncomfortable thought. The secret is to plan carefully ahead with industry to minimise the costs, to maximise certainty about future standards and to give the best incentives for competing firms to develop solutions and products. Opportunities have been missed on, say, clean coal technology and contaminated land. Little thought has been given to channelling electricity companies' windfall gains into energy saving.

There are success stories too, in water privatisation, household waste and the long-term initiative on recycling. In June, Swedish-inspired Aylesford Newsprint should start making high-quality newsprint from a vast recycled paper works in Kent. Northumbrian Water, now under takeover threat, has just unveiled a long-planned £250 million waste management contract that will turn Cleveland's rubbish into electricity, but using Danish equipment.

If Mr Major, or a would-be Labour government, wants a flagship industrial policy to follow privatisation, here is one where Whitehall really could make the difference between economic backwardness and winning the prize.

The truth of make-believe

Dear Diary. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Every diary entry in Philip French's anthology has to do with film-making. I kept my fingers crossed that he would include something from what I consider to be the best cinema diary ever written — Micheal MacLiammoir's account of the filming of Welles's *Othello*. He does. John Boorman's log of his filming of *The Emerald Forest* in the Amazon jungle makes it sound like hell on earth. The devil of pain that perched on Jean Cocteau's shoulder when he was directing *La Belle et la Bête* was more horrible than Jean Marais's make-up as the Beast. Truffaut had problems with the Book People and Oskar Werner's haircut in *Fahrenheit 451*. Peter Cushing's entry for June 10, 1993, is Philip French's impish way of writing *finis*.

The Monday Play: Silver's City. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

Maurice Leitch won a Whitbread Prize with his novel about loyalist terrorism in Belfast. He has also scripted this radio version. He was lucky enough to get, as director, Ned Chaillet, himself a writer. Leitch's Belfast is not a battleground where the combatants follow historical and sectarian flags. This is a free-for-all, where deranged mercenaries kill to order, and the money merchants operate the puppets performing a dance of death. Make no mistake about it, *Silver's City* is not a pretty tale. Brian Cox effectively underplays the loyalist folk hero who tires of his old cause, and Freddie Boardley effectively overplays the mad mercenary.

Peter Davalle

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RADIO 2

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6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 A-Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyte 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am **Open University:** Gombrich on Art History

6.55 Weather 7.00 **On Air:** Schubert (Moment musical in C); *Muffat (Sonata No 2 in G minor, Armonico Tributo)*; Copland (Short Symphony); Ireland (April); 8.10 Dvořák (Overture, Vanda); Vivaldi (*Nisi Dominus in G minor*)

9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Igor Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird; Concerto for piano and wind instruments; *Requiem Canticles*) (r)

10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Sullivan (Overture, The Yeomen of the Guard); Parry (Who can dwell with *greatness?*); *Buxtehude* (Prelude in G minor); Mattheson, arr Stokowski (Air); Christopher Fox (Missa est); 10.40 Smetana (*Vysehrad, Ma Vlast*); Haydn (Symphony No 99 in E flat); 11.30 Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 4)

12.00 **The Highest Form of Art:** *History of the American* musical (r)

12.55pm **The Afternoon on Three**

1.00 **News; BBC Lunchtime Concert:** Lars Vogt, piano, *performs Haydn* (Piano Sonata in G); Brahms (Piano Sonata in F minor)

2.00 **Schools:** Lifeskills 2.15 Storybox 2.25 Let's Move *2.45 First Steps in Drama*

3.00 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Janos Furst performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: *Hu Kun*)

3.45 **Organ Recital:** Fabio Bonizzoni performs Buxtehude (Prelude in C; Passacaglia in D); Rossi (Toccata No 12 in A minor); Frescobaldi (Capriccio sopra la Girolmeta, Fiori musicali, Op 12); Froberger (Toccata No 6 in G minor); Galuppi (Sonata in G)

4.30 **Times and Changes:** The composer [illegible] Stan Tracey [illegible] about his CD *Portraits Plus*

5.00 **The Music Machine:** Music for unaccompanied voices

5.15 **In Tune,** with Andrew Green, including Mendelssohn (Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream); 6.03 Chopin (Mazurka in B flat minor); 6.30 Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending)

7.30 **Fauré and the French Connection:** Fauré (Prelude, *Penelope*); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor); Fauré (Elégie); 8.10 Roger Nichols explores the friendship between Fauré and Saint-Saëns; 8.30 Franck (Symphonic Variations); Debussy (La mer)

9.20 **Each Morning Once More Seamless:** Readings of new, unpublished poems

9.30 **Holzmair Sings Schumann:** Schumann, arr Heine (Mein *Wagen rollet langsam;* Der arme Peter; Tragödie; Liederkreis, Op 24; Dichterliebe)

10.45 **Mixing It,** with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall

11.30-12.30am **Ensemble:** Nash Ensemble performs Gade (*Piano Trio in F*); Mendelssohn (Concert Piece in F minor for clarinet, basset horn and piano); Weber (Piano Quartet in B flat)

1.00-2.00 **Night School:** *Letterbox* 1.20 Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping Forecast* 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today *6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30* Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day *8.40 Charismatics:* Ray Gosling invites his guests to talk about the most charismatic person they have met. This week, Michael Parkinson nominates the Scottish comedian Billy Connolly 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week,** presented by Melvyn Bragg and Thomas Sutcliffe. With John Pilger, Jude Kelly, John *Keane and Margaret Doyle*

10.00-10.30 **News; Dear Diary** (FM only): See Choice

10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only) from Durham School

10.15 **When Christ Calls a Man** (LW only): The first of five daily readings from the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was executed by the Nazis in 1945 for his part in the plot to kill Hitler

10.30 **Woman's Hour,** introduced by Jenni Murray. Serial: *An Awfully Big Adventure*, written and read by Beryl Bainbridge

11.30 **Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444.** Lines open from 10am

12.00 **News; You and Yours**

12.25pm **The Labour Exchange** *12.55 Weather*

1.00 **The World at One**

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; Globe Theatre '95:** *The Dolphinarium*, by Steve Walker. With Michael Cochrane

3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** *Paul Vaughan listens to the music of the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt*

4.45 **Short Story:** The Sunrise People, by David Marshall. *Read by Anita Dobson*

5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast *5.55 Weather*

6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz** (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **States of Mind: The Food Programme:** *With Derek* Cooper (r)

7.45 **The Monday Play: Silver's City.** See Choice

9.15 **Meat and Potatch:** The *documentary producer and* writer Paul Neuburg reflects on the contradictory emotions and memories *aroused in his* native Hungary by the 50th anniversary of the country's liberation from the Germans

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**

10.45 **Book at Bedtime:** A Child Possessed (6/12)

11.00-11.30 **Journeys to Imaginary Places** (FM only): The Lost Château. Frank Delaney goes in search of three real places made imaginary by great French writers (r)

11.00-11.30 **States of Mind: Education Matters** (LW only): With *Times* columnist Libby Purves

11.30-12.00 **Bolt** (FM only): Dick Francis thriller. With Siân Phillips and Eric Allan (4/5) (r)

11.30-12.00 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)

12.00-12.43am **News,** incl *12.27* Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM 88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LONDON RADIO:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m; LW 198kHz (12.45am-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM:** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **TALK RADIO:** MW 1089, 1053kHz. **Listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey**

Exchange rate squabbles will turn up the Washington heat

Janet Bush reports on the backdrop of bad humour for this week's G7 and IMF meetings

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, left, has had some sharp words recently for Bill Clinton

Ominous verbal salvos always form part of the diplomatic dance that precedes large international gatherings, but the petulant tones in the run-up to tomorrow's Group of Seven meeting in Washington suggest that something more serious than usual is afoot.

The main source of contention is, of course, the weakness of the dollar. Germany and Japan are on the warpath against a US administration which, they charge, is not playing its part in supporting its currency and is wilfully pursuing imprudent fiscal and soft monetary policies.

On Thursday, Helmut Kohl, Germany's Chancellor, indulged in a particularly aggressive outburst, saying that US policies were not acceptable. He was backed by Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, who said those nations with weak currencies must solve their fundamental economic problems before stability could return.

Japan, the other country with undesired and damaging currency strength to contend with, also weighed in against America. Officials were dismayed that the US did not make more soothing noises about its recent package to stimulate its economy and cut Japan's current account surplus, and said that Tokyo could do no more. It urged the US to cut its budget deficit.

The US, for its part, can justifiably argue that Japan can indeed do more. Comment from the Treasury has been neutral, but America's trade negotiators, currently deadlocked with Japan on trade in cars, have been unequivocally aggressive. Nothing would solve the current account and currency disequilibria between the US and Japan more effectively, they would argue, than for Japan to open up its markets.

As if the deadly triangle of the US, Germany and Japan was not enough to set up a row this week, there was also an extraordinary intervention by Michel Camdessus, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. Last Monday, he invited some of the Washington press to breakfast and demanded that the independent US Federal Reserve raise interest rates to support the dollar.

It is highly unusual for the head of the IMF to intervene in such a manner, particularly in criticising the Fund's major shareholder, and this outburst is unlikely to create a smooth atmosphere at the key meeting of the IMF's interim committee on Wednesday.

On the face of it, there is every reason to expect bitter argument at the G7 and every justification for trepidation in the financial markets; it was a similar war of words over the dollar between Germany and the US which helped to trigger the stock market meltdown on Black Monday in 1987.

However strong feelings have been before this week's meetings, anyone looking for the agreed, co-ordinated action of the famous Plaza and Louvre accords in the 1980s is likely to be disappointed.

The most obvious reason for this is that the US is highly unlikely to budge because it has no economic incentive to compromise its domestic priorities. In a deflationary world, weak currency countries hold all the cards. The pain is felt by those economies with appreciating currencies.

In this context, Germany and Japan's assault on America has been somewhat disingenuous. They, and M Camdessus, have argued that the US should act on the dollar for the collective good. And yet they were at great pains to emphasise that their own recent actions — interest rate cuts in both Germany and Japan — were for strictly domestic reasons, as they were.

The interest rise sought by M Camdessus would fly in the face of domestic US economic trends which clearly suggest that the US is heading for a soft landing with growth slowing and inflation still subdued. Indeed, a consensus is forming in the US that the next rate move is more likely to be down than up.

One British official said: "There is simply no mileage in attacking the US." Britain will not be demanding short-term changes in US policy. It will, however, be spearheading the debate on the future of the IMF and the World Bank. These issues are not the stuff that foreign exchange dealers will be trading on this week, but they constitute at least as potentially bad-tempered a strand to the meetings as currency problems.

Although G7 officials are studiously polite in public, there is genuine fury about the role of the IMF and the US in the Mexico crisis. This — as with all issues that cost finance ministries money — will loom large this week.

The US has been getting fierce flak behind the scenes for announcing that Mexico would need a $40 billion rescue package and then failing to deliver the cash. M Camdessus raised the temperature further by seeming to railroad leading IMF paymasters — the G7 — into putting up the money instead. British officials argue that the package was not, in itself, a problem, but there is considerable anger that the IMF did not follow clear procedures and about the "serious communications breakdown".

Yet another official said G7 countries preferred to arrange loans through the Bank for International Settlements in Basle rather than the IMF because at least the rules were clear and because the "BIS does not announce publicly what is going to happen before consulting the major players".

Britain has a shopping list of demands for change at the IMF in a debate about its future that has been considerably sharpened by its evident failures in the case of Mexico. The Fund is accused of failing in its surveillance role. It has lost touch, according to one official.

Britain wants the Fund to be "more honest and frank" about what it says to member countries, and is urging the IMF to set up an evaluation unit which would monitor standards of performance and carry out post-mortems when things go wrong.

Significantly, it wants this group to report to the IMF board, not to the managing director, the man who has managed to alienate most of the major players gathering in Washington. M Camdessus is set for a tough week. Having put himself and the institution he leads in the international firing line, his demands for more money to be put in IMF control will fall on deaf ears.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Smoke signals at Rothmans

THURSDAY was not the first time great puffs of white smoke have gone up before a significant announcement from Rothmans. It was the second — and the second in less than two years! Last Thursday, the white puffs that sent Rothmans's price galloping came in front of Richemont's proposed 625p-a-share offer to buy out the part of Rothmans it does not own. On June 22, 1993, there was an unhealthy run in Rothmans shares before the announcement of an asset reorganisation between Rothmans and Dunhill. To paraphrase Oscar Wilde, once is unfortunate, twice looks like carelessness. The market will miss Rothmans for all the fun it provides, assuming Richemont wraps it up and delists.

Wimpey bar

WIMPEY, the construction group, has taken the unusual step of banning financial journalists from its annual meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster at noon today. "It won't be worthwhile attending," said a spokesman. "We are not making a trading statement." Wimpey's consideration in not wasting the precious time of Fleet Street's finest may not be entirely philanthropic, however. "We are expecting a protest by the roads lobby," the spokesman conceded. Company directors will be available for interview after the meeting — by telephone, that is.

Back as boss

SEVERAL people in Leighton Buzzard, and especially those who lost their jobs last year when Lancer Boss, maker of Boss fork-lift trucks, collapsed and went into receivership, were very surprised to read in the *Leighton Buzzard Observer* that the former owners are back in business. Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw has become chairman of Stephensons Fork Truck, in which his brother Trevor also has a financial interest. They made their £2 million-plus purchase from Hewden Stuart, which confirms the sale. The receivership of Lancer Boss is still being carried out by Grant Thornton, which told the *Observer* that it was unlikely any creditors, other than banks and preferential creditors, would receive any of the debts owed to them at the time of receivership last April. Sir Neville told the *Observer* "I have lost a fortune and it need not have happened", implying that Lancer Boss's collapse was because of a failure of the banks to support him. Sir Neville, declining to comment on his financial ability to relaunch himself in the truck business, said he was "not a man to sit idle", adding he found it satisfying to be back in the fork-lift business. "What else would you expect me to do — knit?" he asked.

COLIN CAMPBELL

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

ILIMA
(c) A shrub of the genus *Sida*, especially *Sida fallax*, bearing yellow or orange flowers, from the Hawaiian. "*Sida fallax*, the ilima, is a mat with yellow-orange flowers and finely hairy white leaves."

MALLEIN
(b) To inoculate (a horse or mule) against glanders, from the substantive. "All mules on joining units will in future be malleined."

KISKADEE
(a) A tyrant fly-catcher, *Pitangus sulphuratus*, found in Central and South America: also used for related birds of the family Tyrannidae. Echoic, from the call of the bird. "The large kiskadee (*Pitangus sulphuratus*) whose loud, harsh and fierce cry of kiskis-kiskadee..."

MURCHANA
(a) Various arrangements of Indian music, from the Sanskrit. "Murchana, the word has been variously used: (i) It is the ancient name for the early modes in Indian music, before the raga system emerged. (ii) According to Popley's book, murchana in South India refers to ascending and descending varna or graph-like grace movements. (iii) According to Tagore, the murchana is the extending of the note to another in the ascending as well as the descending scale (like an *appoggiatura*) without any intermediate break in the disposition of the srutis [sic] in the interval."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxg7+! Kxg7 2 Bh6+ Kg8 (2 ... Kxh6 3 Qh4+ and 4 Qh7 mate) 3 Qxf8+! and mate next move.

Fight inflation, not currency movements

As global currency turbulence continues, sterling has been caught in crossfire, with 5 per cent off the effective exchange rate since January 1. This has triggered concern that the Government may raise interest rates to defend the pound. We consider these fears overdone because the current exchange rate is not an inflationary risk. Official rates should be lifted again only because of domestic economic conditions, rather than to try to support sterling. Currency-induced tightening could easily backfire.

The Governor's newly found currency concern can be justified only by fear of higher inflation. Clearly, sterling depreciation has loosened effective monetary conditions, but the exchange rate is only one indicator, significant only in so far as it puts upward pressure on inflation.

We expect the direct impact of imported inflation to be small. Sterling's strength against the dollar has capped the rise of sterling commodity prices and led to a fall in producer input price inflation. The fall should continue over the next few months as the dollar stays under pressure and the global economic cycle turns lower.

Anyway, exchange-rate depreciation does not necessarily lead to price pressure. Sterling's ERM exit led to fears that the devaluation (17 per cent, trade-weighted) would bring inflation, but it never came. Import price inflation rose, but was not passed on because of weak consumption. Devaluation this year is only 5 per cent and the effect on retail prices will be muted, with consumption depressed by rises in tax and mortgage costs.

The Government might react to the pound's fall had it been from loss of confidence in sterling assets, particularly from expectations of higher inflation, but inflation expectations, as measured by index-linked gilts, have changed little this year. The international environment has let gilts rally, and their under-performance reflects investors' concentration on core bond markets rather than loss of confidence in gilts.

GILT-EDGED

The direct policy response to sterling's recent weakness should be minimal. Interest rates will have to rise, but for domestic reasons — a reaction to the threat to the inflation target. Inflation indicators, activity information and monetary and financial data suggest that further tightening is needed. The recent pick-up of M0 growth is a worry, as is sterling's fall.

The UK authorities' credibility has been enhanced by early rate rises. Another 50bps on in May would be justified. The way to support sterling is to continue raising rates to defend the inflation target and to do so for clear economic reasons, but not because of short-term currency volatility. This could prove supportive of gilts: US Treasuries have rallied, in spite of the dollar's weakness, because of faith in low inflation.

The gilt market has discounted poor Tory results in May's council polls and is expecting a further rate rise. Clearly any extra downward pressure on sterling will affect the market's short end, but we do not expect a dramatic sell-off. The long end will reflect a positive international environment, with US Treasuries remaining well supported. The currency's volatility does not alter our view that ten-year gilt yields will fall another 20bps in the second quarter.

KATY PETERS AND SANJAY JOSHI
Daiwa Bond Research

So farewell then, Wee Jock. Or was it Zippy?

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

The dog copped it. I can't believe it. Not the dog. In the week that *Radio Times* ran enthusiastic letters and a little profile of the west highland terrier Wee Jock (real name *Zippy*), last night's weirdly unreal **Hamish Macbeth** (BBC 1) mercilessly knocked *him down* with a car, steered by an unlikely duo of fugitives pursued by ghosts. "Yap, yap," were Wee Jock's last words. Poor Jock. He was in the wrong plot at the wrong time. The nation *mourns*. Now he sits on the passenger seat of the great big police Land Rover in the sky, and *thinks (with his little* pink tongue hanging out). "So what on earth was all *that* about?"

For anyone who has not yet caught up with the series, its unconventional tone is helpfully summed up in the jauntiness of "Hamish" married to the traditional associations of "Macbeth". *It is* tongue-in-cheek without being exactly funny; it is doomy without being exactly serious. Last night TV *John (Ralph Riach) dictated an* announcement of Wee Jock's demise for the local newspaper's "Deaths" column. "We've never had this before," objected a prim functionary. "He's never been dead before," snapped back TV John. Carrying the body of the beloved dog to the doctor's surgery, the villagers announced; "Its Wee Jock, doc."

The killers were brought to justice, you will be relieved to hear. Hamish (Robert Carlyle) drank lots of whisky and worked his sinewy jaw; then he packed a big gun in a knapsack. He set off across the heather, in thunder, lightning and in rain. The village, acting on a series of apparitions and presentiments, came after him. Meanwhile the viewer, rendered lost and clueless by the same series of apparitions and presentiments, got pretty confused, but persevered to the end merely to find out whether the whole thing was *perhaps a dream*, and *that* Wee Jock was only dead in theory. The story involving the fugitives turned out to be a powerful one (Billy McColl was excellent as Francie) but the Scotch mist only cleared in the last few minutes, when you found out that the real story was about people being driven mad by guilt — like, er, Macbeth.

Nobody is driven mad by guilt in **Confessions** (BBC 1, Saturday). It's not the point, exactly. Were Hamish Macbeth's two hag-ridden convicts to appear on this peculiar game show, their story would be told in a rather different way:

Simon Mayo (in dandyish waistcoat): Your first clue, are you ready? "It happened in the car".

Convict (excited): Ooh, I know, I know! Was this the time I ran over a little boy and then dumped his body in a river so that it was never found?

Mayo pauses, theatrically.

Mayo: No.

Audience laughs. Convict kicks himself.

Convict: Can I have another clue, please?

Mayo: Yes. Your second clue is "Yap, yap".

Once you have seen *Confessions*, the world takes on a different hue. A woman on Saturday needed *three clues to remember* she had once deliberately knocked down her husband by driving her car at him. Since then, she had photocopied her bottom, put dog food in her husband's chilli con carne (he is now her ex), and assaulted a fellow motorist with a golf club.

Another chap in the audience had got revenge on a neighbour by advertising all his house contents for sale. Another had lost a big *toenail* on the football field, taken it with him to the pub afterwards, and inserted it in a sausage roll. When I was six, I stopped an ice cream van even though I didn't want an ice cream. I had night-sweats about this misdemeanour up to the age of 35.

Confessions is compelling stuff, good natured, but it is watchable mainly because of this in-built trap, which makes people spill their beans for nothing ("No, that story about killing good King *Duncan in his bed* is very interesting, but it wasn't the story we were after!"). As far as I know, the *format started on radio and not in* America; but what it clearly needs is the Yankee treatment — bigger prizes, more element of competition, more Nemesis. "All right, I confess to murder!" "You have won the new car!"

Simon Schama's **Landscape and Memory** (BBC 2) was a green thought in a green shade — quite literally, since Schama presented this essay (on forests in race memory) from a studio dappled emerald, like a set for *As You Like It*. Thickly wooded with allusions, this essay concentrated in particular on the teutonic love of forests, and the fear they therefore generate in everybody else. Evidently the early settlers in California cheerfully hacked down sequoia until politicians realised that the grandeur of the mighty *tree conferred honour on the* American nation. We always see landscapes in terms of ourselves, explained *Schama. In Britain*, of course, we are hearts of oak.

Finally, last night's **Crazy for a Kiss** (BBC 2) was a drama which took its geographical imperative pretty seriously. Set in Kansas, where a huge blue sky can cook up a twister, the story concerned a fat volatile teenager (Shaun Weiss) who finds himself, one glorious, primary-coloured summer, committed to a funny farm. Nicely written by Greg Snow (and based on an incident in the life of Mike McShane). *Crazy for a Kiss* had little narrative impetus, but the landscape was astonishing. Will Schama do a programme on how big sky drives you barmy? Next week, his subject is rivers, in which he may present the programme waist-deep in blue silk. I can't wait.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (48714)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31185637)

9.05 Kilroy (s) (5133732)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1226540) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r) (Ceefax) (6665755)

10.35 Good Morning With Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (8593182)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6677705) **12.05 Pebble Mill** presented by Alan Titchmarsh, live from Warwick Castle (s) (2507434) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (69703908)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (86250) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (86432366)

1.50 Going For Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (86436182) **2.15 Knots Landing** (s) (2201076)

3.00 Today's Gourmet. American chef Jacques Pepin prepares a romantic meal (4952415)

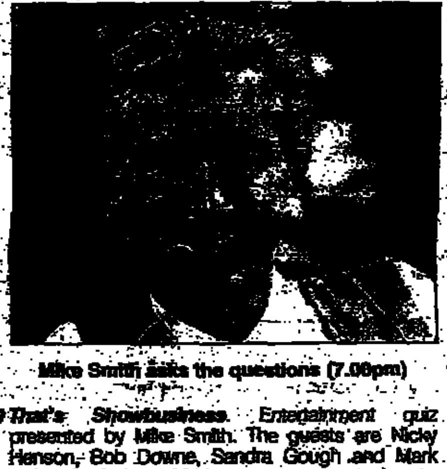
3.25 Cartoon (5041811) **3.45 Fievel's American Tails** (r) (s) (5616811) **4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates** (r). (Ceefax) (7956328) **4.30 The Movie Game.** (Ceefax) (s) (3730250)

4.55 Newsround (4076366) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Tim Vincent visits the Anne Frank house in Amsterdam; and there is a repeat showing of Lesley Judd's 1976 *interview with Anne's father, Otto Frank. (Ceefax) (s)* (4567095)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (904960)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (415)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (845)



Mike Smith asks the questions (7.00pm)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. *Entertainment quiz* presented by Mike Smith. The guests are Nicky Henson, Bob Downe, Sandra Gough and Mark Little. (Ceefax) (s) (3618)

7.30 Watchdog. (Ceefax) (s) (279)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (2366)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart. *Comedy series starring* Nicholas Lyndhurst as a Londoner with the facility to flit from the present to the Second World War years. (Ceefax) (s) (1873)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5811)

9.30 Panorama. *(Ceefax) (775705)*

10.10 FILM: Death Dreams (1991) starring Christopher Reeve and Marg Helgenberger. A supernatural thriller about a couple whose *happiness is shattered* by the death of their young daughter. But a series of psychic experiences lead to their re-establishing contact with the dead girl. Directed by Martin Donovan. (Ceefax) (743637)

11.45 Film 95 With Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Legends of the Fall, Outbreak* and *Exotica*. (Ceefax) (s) (606705)

12.15am FILM: Voodoo Woman (1957) starring Tom Conway. A jungle-based mad scientist tries to transform young women into zombies who will obey his telepathic commands to kill. Directed by Edward L. Cahn (3495019) **1.30 Weather** (8494903)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Health Visiting and the Family (3411298) **6.45** Just In Time? Restructuring Corporate America (2824960) **7.35** Global Tourism (4746366)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7408434)

8.15 Westminster On-Line With Sarah Baxter. Series giving the public access to politicians (s) (7961705)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2837881) **1.45** *Words and Pictures (79523618)* **2.00** *Noddy (r) (s)* (31656298)

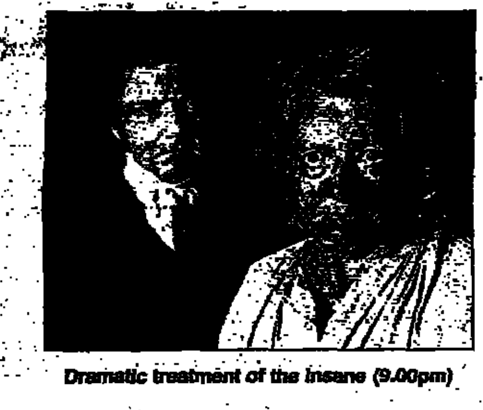
2.10 World Snooker. David Vine and Dougie Donnelly *introduce the opening quarter-finals action in the* Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Clive Everton and Ray Edmonds. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (49683250). **Wales:** (to 3.00) Wales Questions Live

6.00 FILM: The Way to the Stars (1945, b/w) starring Michael Redgrave, John Mills and Trevor Howard. A Second World War drama about the emotional problems of a group of young RAF pilots, stationed in the Midlands, before their posting to battle stations. With plenty of stiff upper-lips, humour from Joyce Cary and Stanley Holloway, a song from Jean *Simmons and a token American presence from* Douglas Montgomery and Bonar Colleano. Directed by Anthony Asquith. (Ceefax) (98506250)

7.45 Close-Up. P.D. James selects a scene from *Stagecoach;* Michael Winner from Olivier's *Henry V* (s) (795960)

8.00 **Horizon: Hearing Voices.** (Ceefax) (s) (242250)

8.50 Close-Up. Robert Rodrigues chooses a scene from Hitchcock's *Spellbound;* Stephen Wooley, a bank robbery sequence from *Gun Crazy* (s) (397637)



Dramatic treatment of the insane (9.00pm)

9.00 **The Asylum War.** (Ceefax) *(987347)*

9.50 World Snooker. Further quarter-final action in the Embassy world professional championship from *Sheffield (s) (786811)*

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (273714)

11.15 World Snooker. The final visit of the day to the *Crucible* Theatre, Sheffield (s) (968908)

11.55 Weather (300250)

12.00 Engineering Materials: Hidden Power. The difference between overhead and underground electricity cables. (Ceefax) (3153458)

12.25am Design Principles. *Symmetry.* (Ceefax) *(9338390)*

1.05 The Record. The day in Parliament; introduced by Robert Orchard (s) (3907854). Ends at **1.35**

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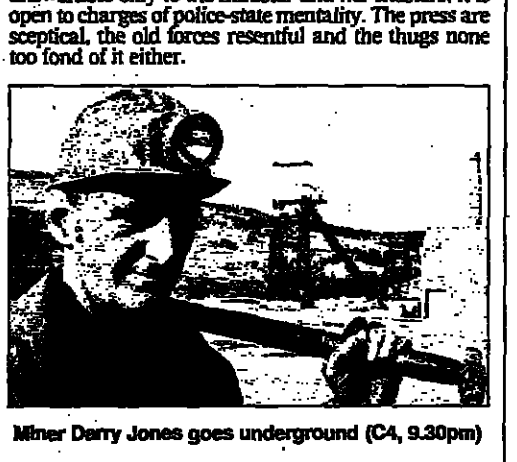
CHOICE

Rules of Engagement
ITV, 9.00pm

Updating *The Sweeney* for the 1990s could have been a tawdry affair, but the late Geoff McQueen (creator of *The Bill*) has devised an intriguing backdrop against which the car chases and shoot-outs are enacted. This *one-hour pilot episode lays out the premise that an* ambitious Home Office minister has set up a tough new task force to fight crime and win votes. The National Crime Task Force is an elite squad recruited from the police, Special Branch, SAS and security services. Because it has national jurisdiction and is answerable only to the minister and her masters, it is open to charges of police-state mentality. The press are sceptical, the old forces resentful and the thugs none too fond of it either.



Miner Darry Jones goes underground (C4, 9.30pm)

Undercover Britain: The Pits
Channel 4 9.30pm

Since the collapse of the British coal industry, small privately owned mines are the only hope of work for British miners. Welshman Darry Jones, an unemployed miner, literally goes underground in a pit in South Wales to reveal the Victorian state of safety *conditions and practices in these small mines. He gets* a job where he is required to walk bent double through a running stream to reach a two-foot high coal seam, *where he* works flat out for a pittance that varies on the whim of the owner. A combination of video diary and film-camera work combine to paint a horrifying picture of widespread exploitation and disregard for legal safety standards.

The Asylum War
BBC2 9.00pm

It is an ironic statement to call the 18th century the Age of Reason in the light of the way the insane were treated. This part-dramatisation, part-documentary film, shown in the *States of Mind* season, tells the story of how years of barbaric abuse of the insane were *finally* ended. Magistrate Godfrey Higgins and reforming Quaker Samuel Tuke began a campaign against the York Asylum which treated the mentally ill in the traditional way — as less than human. Tuke set up the rival York Retreat founded on new, humane Quaker ideals. The battle was long, bitter and eventually became a national scandal, prompting a parliamentary select committee investigation in 1815, which paved the way for the far-reaching reforms.

Horizon: Hearing Voices
BBC2, 8.00pm

How far we have reached in the treatment of psychotic *disorders can be judged by this well-balanced view of* the phenomenon of voice hearing. Traditional psychiatry has viewed it as an indication of psychosis to be suppressed by medication. A new approach, initiated by the Dutch psychiatrist Marius Romme, believes that voice-hearers can learn to live with their voices without being confined for long periods in institutions. Some sufferers have allotted specific times to focus on their voices, others have used visualisation techniques, creating objects representing their voices. *The treatment of voice hearing is subject to a debate of* which this addition to the *States of Mind* season adds a reasonable voice of its own.

Frances Lass

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (8356106)

9.25 Chain Letters (2999892) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9487160)

10.00 The Time... The Place (s) (4595279)

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine (76964786)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) and weather (6673989)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9560434)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9578453)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (73039163)

1.55 A Country Practice *(s) (86420521)*

2.20 Blue Heelers. Jenny is accused of a hit and run incident (4167415)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4815811)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4814182)

3.30 Rainbow (s) (8030279) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2453231) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (s) (6663989) **4.15 Hurricanes** (r) (Teletext) (s) (7964347) **4.40 Terror Towers** (Teletext) (s) (7943811)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (Teletext) (4551434)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (278182)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (100298)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (811)

6.30 London Tonight *(Teletext) (163)*

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers with Phillip Schofield (8786)

Bill Tarmey and Elizabeth Dawn (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (347)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Richie (7434)

8.30 World In Action: Black and Blue. The cameras record a police charity evening featuring a Bernard Manning routine packed with racial abuse. Should he be arrested rather than applauded? (Teletext) (s) (6569)

9.00 CHOICE **Rules of Engagement** (Teletext) (s) (6415)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (14219)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (745989)

10.40 Sport In Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by Max Moseley, John McCririck and Karren Brady (749540)

11.40 The Equalizer with Edward Woodward (695250)

12.45am Endsleigh League Extra introduced by Gabriel Clarke (7993583)

1.30 Sport AM. Includes highlights of PGA Golf from the Open Cataluña Turespaña (1986458)

2.25 Quiz Night. The Empress from Liverpool v the Blue Bell Inn from Clwyd (4510800)

2.50 FILM: George and Mildred (1980) starring Yootha Joyce, Brian Murphy and Stratford Johns. Farcical adventures of a middle-aged couple who spend their wedding anniversary in a London hotel. Directed by Peter Frazer Jones (992212)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (37245477)

4.55 The Time... The Place (r) (s) (2079212)

5.30 ITN Morning News (39361). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon (7254231)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (76873)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (16366)

9.30 FILM: Housemaster (1938, b/w) starring Otto Kruger. A comedy drama about a teacher who clashes with his headmaster over the affections of an old flame. Directed by Herbert Brenon (32710927)

11.10 Profiles of Nature: The Woodland Moose (r) (5509569)

11.40 Tip Tap Toe A musical short (7622960)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (96502)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guest is Gloria Estefan (r) (65873) **1.30 Mr Men** followed by **Paddington, The Wombles** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (44637)

2.00 Brave New Babies. An *Equinox* documentary examining the claims that rhythmic sounds played into the womb lead to the babies developing faster than their peers (r). (Teletext) (s) (59618)

3.00 The Late Late Show (1090298)

3.55 Gardens Without Borders: Italy (r). (Teletext) (s) (1496163)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (960)

5.00 The Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (9892)

5.30 Nurses. Dark humour set in a Miami hospital (r). *(Teletext) (s) (540)*

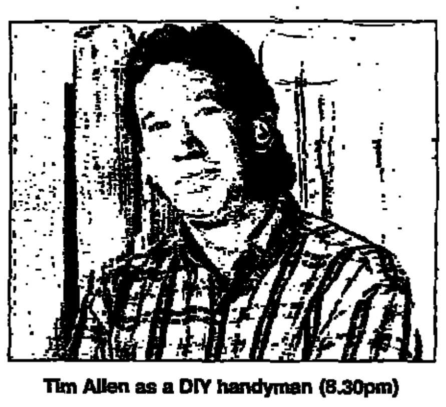
6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (453)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. Campus comedy. *(Teletext) (s) (705)*

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (435618)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (692750)

8.00 Distant Voices, Still Lips. A *Short Strand* profile of Scarlet Watt, Britain's only black ventriloquist (r). (Teletext) (s) (5076)



Tim Allen as a DIY handyman (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **Home Improvement.** American sit-com starring Tim Allen and Patricia Richardson. (Teletext) (s) (7811)

9.00 Deadline. The fifth of a six-part series looking behind the scenes of Yorkshire Television's *Calendar* programme. (Teletext) (s) (8521)

9.30 CHOICE **Undercover Britain: The Pits.** (Teletext) (25502)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (176322)

10.55 In A Time Of Hope — Ordinary People. The second of three documentaries marking the first anniversary of South Africa's multiracial elections. (Teletext) (2797786)

12.00 FILM: The Last Island (1990) starring Shelagh McLeod and Patricia Hayes. The survivors of an aircraft crash on a desert island have to learn to live with each other's idiosyncracies. Directed by *Marleen Gorris (755816)*

1.55am FILM: It's Not Cricket (1948, b/w) starring Basil Radford, Naunton Wayne and Maurice Denham. Comedy about two *private detectives who run into* an old wartime adversary. Directed by Alfred Roome and Roy Rich (8849458). Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Coronation Street (9578453) 1.25 Home and Away (73039163) 2.20 Lock and Cook (58729989) 2.50 Blockbusters (1759908) 5.10 Shortland Street (4551434) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (954908) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (745989) **11.40** England's Rugby World Cup Dream (708618) **12.10am** Coach (3168019) **12.40** Endsleigh League Extra (7994212) **1.25** Foolin' Around (949545) **3.05** Sport AM (9899361) **4.00** The Time... the Place (8519699) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (37244748) **5.00** Wanted Dead or Alive (94835)

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20 Yan Can Cook (58729980) **2.50** Blockbusters (1759908) **3.25** Central News (4814182) **5.10** Shortland Street (4551434) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (954908) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (695250) **4.25am** Jobfinder (4084458) **5.20** Asian Eye (7898816)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9578453) **1.25** Home and Away (49510618) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (8422095) **2.45-3.20** Dining in France (6011182) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4551434) **6.25-7.00** Granada Tonight (954908) **10.30** Granada News (745989) **10.40** The Motor Show (578298) **12.10am** Coach (9918869) **12.45** Endsleigh League Extra (7993583) **1.30** Sport AM (1986458) **2.25** Quiz Night (4510800) **2.50** George and Mildred (257851) **4.25** Jobfinder (85286870) **4.55** The Time... the Place (2079212)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Coronation Street (9578453) **1.25** Home and Away (73039163) **1.55** Gardening Calendar (85148076) **2.25** Highway to Heaven (8861818) **5.10-5.40** Yan Can Cook (4551434) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (163) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (745989) **11.40** Spotlight (708618) **12.10am** The Powers That Be (9916869) **4.25** Jobfinder (85286870)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Baby Talk (85148076) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (163) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (745989) **11.40** Celtic Waves (708618)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Coronation Street (9578453) **1.25** Home and Away (73039163) **2.20-3.25** Murder, She Wrote (4159415) [illegible] Home and Away (4551434) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (811) **6.30-7.00** Wild About Essex (163) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (745989) **10.40** Meridian Audit VI (749540) **11.40** Sport in Question (225237) **12.40am** Endsleigh League Extra (7994212) **1.25** Foolin' Around (949545) **3.05** Sport AM (9899361) **4.00** The Time... the Place (8519699) **4.35** Yan Can Cook (37244748) **5.00** Freescreen (94835)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (9487160) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (6682637) **12.25-12.30** *My Story* (6587908) **12.55-1.25** Coronation Street (9578453) **1.25** Home and Away (73039163) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (85148076) **2.25** The Young Doctors (58728231) **3.25** Westcountry News, Weather (4814182) **5.10** Home and Away (4551434) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (22415) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (745989) **10.40** Special Report (354521) **12.15am** Rock Sport (66019) **4.25** Jobfinder (85286870)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (9487160) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (6673989) **12.55-1.25** Coronation Street (9578453) **1.25** Home and Away (73039163) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? (58729960) **2.50** Help Yourself (4433453) **2.55** Shortland Street (7905811) **3.25** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (4814182) **5.10** Home and Away (4551434) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (280219) **6.30-7.00** Crimestoppers Special (163) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (745989) **10.40** Rock of the North (749540) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (318669) **12.35am** Sport in Question (5965274) **1.35** Beautiful But Dangerous (808584) **3.25** The New Music (6107670) **4.25** Jobfinder (1935545)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (76873) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (16366) **9.30** Housemaster (32710927) **11.10** Profiles Of Nature: The Woodland (5509569) **11.40** Tip Tap Toe (7622960) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (96502) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (45366) **1.00** Sesame Street (33921) **2.00** *Wuthering Heights* (693076) **3.55** Gardens Without Borders: Italy (1496163) **4.30** Quids In (1654250) **4.45** Rocko's Modern Life (1659705) **5.00** 5 Pump (5709388) **5.15** 5 Pump (5546776) **5.30** Fifteen To One (540) **6.00** Newyddion (819434) **6.15** Heno (660057) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6328) **7.30** Taro Naw (889) **8.00** Teulu'r Tir 85 (5076) **8.30** Newyddion (7911) **9.00** NYPD Blue (893434) **9.55** Sgorio (590860) **10.55** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd (827502) **11.30** Big Deal At Dodge City (764415)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (1236182) **6.01** Amigo and Friends (1236182) **6.05** Mrs Pepperpot (1235453) **6.10** Dynamo Duck (1311818) **6.30** Dennis (85057) **7.00** Inspector Gadget (38637) **7.30** Orson and Olivia (17144) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (53611) **8.30** Blockbusters (52182) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (86811) **10.00** Concentration (83827) **10.30** Card Sharks (49618) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (26892) **12.00** *Urban Peasant* (63298) **12.30pm** *Anything* But Love (72434) **1.00** St Elsewhere (77989) **2.00** Matlock (33366) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9074250) **3.50** DJ Kat (7370809) **3.55** *My Pet Monster* (4968250) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5724) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8705) **6.00** Murphy Brown (3989) **6.30** Family Ties (7569) **7.00** Rescue (9434) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6453) **8.00** Hawkeye (82124) **9.00** Civil Wars (27908) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (20095) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (245434) **11.50** The Untouchables (849434) **12.45am** Chances (4368212) **1.30** New WKRP in Cincinnati (70816) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (5529453) **9.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (4435927) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (7873298) **11.00** News and Business (352250) **1.30pm** CBS News (30255) **2.30** Parliament Live (33231) **4.00** News and Business (28958) **5.00** Live at Five (8706347) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (8480724) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (2648231) **12.30am** CBS Evening News (3171748) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn Replay (5800108) **2.30** Parliament Replay (57274) **4.30** CBS Evening News (47075) **5.30** ABC News Tonight (71361)

SKY MOVIES
6.05am Showcase (72864873) **10.00 Bingo** (1991) (76250) **12.00 At Long Last Love** (1975) (14569) **2.00pm Khartoum** (1966) (17620347) **4.15 The Jokers** (1966) (55366502) **6.00 Bingo** (1991): As 10am (24811) **8.00 Prophet of Evil: The Ervil Lebaron Story** (1993) (39799502) **10.05 Boiling Point** (1993) (366502) **11.40 American Ninja 5** (1992) (800231) **1.25am Woodstock** (1970) (86063477) **4.25-6.00 The Jokers** (1966) As 4.15pm (639038)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (17598) **4.00 The Chess Players** (1977) (5279) **6.00 Bedtime for Bonzo** (1951) (97705) **8.00 ... And Justice for All** (1979) (92250) **10.00 King of Marvin Gardens** (1972) (216908) **11.45-2.00am Rambo III** (1988) (16865326)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Call Northside 777 (1948) (33989) **8.00 Once Upon a Forest** (1993): Animated tale (8548163) **9.15 Tarzan and the Amazons** (1945) (1189057) **10.35 Three Warriors** (1977) (60860298) **12.25pm Turned Out Nice Again** (1941) (842415) **2.00** ***Just Ask for Diamond*** *(1988) (19989)* **4.00 Once Upon a Forest** (1993): As 8am (11936873) **5.50 Cagney and Lacey: The Return** (1994) (77378434) **7.30 UK Top Ten** *(9153)* **8.00 Last Action Hero** (1993) (55718927) **10.15 Someone's Watching** (1993) (388724) **11.50 Dead Sleep** (1991) (535279) **1.20am Passport to Murder** (1992) (154584) **2.55 A Prayer for the Dying** (1987) (519903) **4.40-6.00 Turned Out Nice Again** (1941). As 12.25pm (5878854)

● ***For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday***

SKY SPORTS
7.00am *Max Out* (72095) **7.30** British Basketball (68873) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (29927) **10.00** International Cricket Highlights (90724) **11.30** Benson and Hedges Cricket Highlights (14927) **1.00pm** The Big League (14618) **2.30** WLAF Highlights: London Monarchs v Amsterdam Admirals (86705) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (3724) **4.30** Windsurfing Tour (9808) **5.00** WWF Mania (7231) **6.00** Soccer News (982989) **6.15** Fish Tales (970144) **6.30** Horse Racing, Live: from Sedgefield and Chepstow (51095) **8.30** NBA Basketball (83182) **10.30** Soccer News (921347) **10.45** Football Special (793250) **12.15am** Fish Tales (6536800) **12.30** Windsurfing Tour (99293) **1.00-3.00** NBA Basketball (18090)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Equestrianism (33724) **8.30** Dancing (38163) **9.30** *Ice Hockey* (34279) **11.30** Indycar (54182) **12.30pm** Motorcycling (52908) **1.30** Football (73705) **3.00** Live Ice Hockey (991298) **6.00** Eurosport News (5569) **6.30** *Live Ice Hockey* (46163) **8.30** Speedworld (26250) **10.00** Football (18883) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (40124) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (84361)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (7903434) **8.30** Peyton Place *(7902705)* ***9.00*** *As the World Turns* (4849366) **10.00** Guiding Light (3023415) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3043279)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Aruba (7906521) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4281521) **1.00** The Great Escape (3047095) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4280892)

Experience the Jimi Hendrix Rockumentary (MTV, 8.00pm)

2.00 Australian Panorama (4860521) **2.30** Cotswolds and Bath (7480322) **3.00** Over the Wall in China (1782724) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide *(3785714)* **4.30** Boomerang (7395778) **5.00** Trailside (4851873) **5.30** The Spice of Life (9385958) **6.00** Cotswolds and Bath (6030881) **6.30** American Vacation *(8693366)* ***7.30*** *Australian Panorama* (6935237) **8.00** Around the World (4857057) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (4869892) **9.00** Globetrotter (1767415) **9.30** American Vacation (2607521) ***10.30*** *Trailside (7823298)* **11.00** Travels in Europe (1762960) **11.30-12.00** Cruising (7391927)

TLC
9.00am Painting (3458142) **9.30** Simply Delicious (2597521) **10.00** Repairs (2201434) **10.30** Frontiers (7056106) **11.00** Only Human (4467927) **11.45** Draw with Don (40575366) **12.00** Jaffords (9058386) **12.30pm** No Time to Say Goodbye (2608637) **1.00** Simply Delicious (4168540) **1.30** Painting (2607908) **2.00** Jimmy's (3839502) **2.30** The Arrangement (8248328) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (3858637) **3.30-4.00** *Repairs (8243873)*

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (4178927) **7.30** Neighbours (4157434) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2441317) **8.30** EastEnders (1855368) **9.00** The Bill (1856180) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (8445873) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (50789237) **11.35** Going for Gold (85655637) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7256304) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2600095) **1.00** EastEnders (4177298) **1.30** The Bill (2509366) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (3831960) **2.30** My Wife Next Door (8240786) **3.00** Knots Landing (8780705) **4.00** Dallas (8792540) **5.00** Going for Gold (84190279) ***5.25*** *XYZ (84179786)* **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2895811) **6.30** EastEnders (8269095) **7.00** Secret Army (8704873) **8.00** Laugh, I Nearly Paid My Licence (3851724) **8.30** Naked Video (3830231) **9.00** A Sense of Guilt (6700057) **10.00** The Bill (6806863) **10.30** Top of the Pops (2637989) **11.20** Alas Smith and Jones (8681415) **12.00** Dr Who The Mind of Evil (6472106) **12.30am** FILM Malone (1987) (8368477) **2.05** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am *Sesame Street (38724)* **7.00** *Sonic* the Hedgehog (20386) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (86873) **8.00** Degrassi Junior High (79160) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (8851057) **8.45** *Casper (8672540)* **9.00** Sesame Street (42415) **10.00** Pre-School (36231) **12.00** Madeline (18347) **12.30pm** Pre-School (32521) **2.30** Barney (5144) **3.00** Dinobabies (7537) **3.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (7989) **4.00** California Dreams (9724) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi Junior High (5906)

NICKELODEON
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DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (8262908) **4.30** The Search for Dr Livingstone (8251892) **5.00** Fire (3853182) **5.30** Spirit of Survival (8242144) **6.00** Invention (5460076) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5738095) **7.30** Future Quest (8252521) **8.00** The Astronomers (6711163) **9.00** The Nature of Things *(6731927)* **10.00** Elite Fighting Forces (6701786) **11.00-12.00** The Wing Will Fly (4152989)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. Ladies Who Do (1963) (2927569) **1.30pm** Smothers Brothers (2694434) **2.00** The Avengers (2206989) **3.00** The Bill Cosby Show (3845163) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8270927) **4.00** FILM David and Bathsheba (1951) (3856279) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (8269811) **6.30** *Cannon (9178231)* ***7.30*** *The Invisible Man* (8256347) **8.00** The Avengers (6715989) **9.00** The New Avengers (6728453) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Squirm (1976) (8774144)

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MTV
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Top pay soars above inflation as bonuses set record

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

COMPANY directors' earnings are rising at twice the rate of both inflation and average earnings generally, according to a survey out today that also shows directors' bonuses at an all-time high.

The findings of the survey on directors' pay from the Institute of Management will further fuel controversy over boardroom salaries. Trade unions will put new pressure on top pay when they give evidence tomorrow to the Government-backed inquiry on the issue, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, the Marks & Spencer chairman.

The institute's latest national management salary survey, published annually since 1974, shows directors' earnings up by 6.9 per cent in the year to January 1995, to an average of £78,692.

The survey, covering a sample of almost 20,000 managers in 328 organisations, together employing two million people, shows directors' earnings increases to be 13 per cent higher than last year, when they were running at 6.1 per cent.

Three-quarters of directors now earn more than £50,000, and nearly a fifth earn more than £100,000. The number of £100,000 directors is up by half in the past two years. However, only 1.2 per cent earn more than £250,000. Overall, 62 per cent of directors receive bonuses, up from 58 per cent last year — the highest number in the IM survey's history. The average value of the bonuses is £10,907 — also an all-time high.

The best-paid directors work in the distribution sector, where average earnings now stand at £109,844. Among those with the highest rises, at an average of 9 per cent, were directors in the energy sector, who include those in privatised utilities such as British Gas and the electricity companies whose big pay rises sparked current controversy over top corporate pay, now being examined by the Greenbury committee.

Regionally, directors in Scotland currently have the highest average earnings of £94,085, though company directors in the East Midlands saw the largest percentage rises at 14.4 per cent, the institute says.

Roger Young, Director-General, says: "While directors are not showing complete restraint, the public perception that all directors are awarding themselves massive increases ... is unfounded. The 'fat cat' syndrome is clearly limited to a small minority who must now be prepared to justify any substantial increases."

In a separate report, Ian McCartney, Shadow Employment Minister, shows that bank chairmen received average pay rises of 20.5 per cent between 1993 and 1994, making their average pay £349,438.

The high earnings of accountants are likely to come under public scrutiny when KPMG changes its status from a partnership. A decision by the firm to incorporate is expected to be a formality. Although partnerships need publish no financial figures, industry observers say that even the most junior partners earn over £125,000 each, with seasoned partners on more than £250,000, and senior partners in the big firms near £1 million.

Lloyd's names could face £600m cash call

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London leapt to the defence of its solvency this weekend, but would not rule out the possibility of a £600 million cash call on its embattled members. Lloyd's is "confident" that it will pass its solvency test in August, but conceded that a myriad of problems remain.

There had been speculation that the insurance market could be forced to close its doors to new business as a result of its continuing financial problems, driving custom abroad and threatening up to 60,000 jobs. A spokesman dismissed such talk as wide of the mark, saying: "If it reaches a point where we can clearly predict that we are not going to pass the solvency test, we have to cease trading. As yet, we are confident we will get through the test."

Lloyd's is struggling to recover from a succession of catastrophes that triggered several billion pounds in insurance losses, and drove thousands of names to the point of bankruptcy. The market is now trading profitably once more — profits for the 1993 and 1994 underwriting years are estimated at £1.8 billion — but legal actions and pressure for a financial settlement for aggrieved names, have taken their toll. As many as 9,000 names are believed to be insolvent, draining up to £1.1 billion from the Lloyd's central fund. Many more are refusing to meet their obligations and a spiral of debt has developed, with some reinsurers unable to pay amounts owing to Lloyd's syndicates.

Lloyd's solvency is put to the test once a year by the Department of Trade and Industry. The test breaks into two parts: a "global" test, which assesses overall market solvency, and an "individual" test, under which names have to demonstrate that their insurance assets exceed their insurance liabilities.

Fears over solvency were sparked earlier this month by the leaking of a letter to a name, in which the DTI admitted that the individual test was "giving rise to some difficulty".

A cash call of up to £600 million on names would be one way of strengthening Lloyd's reserves, although such a move would hardly be popular with members, and has to be put to the vote. Lloyd's could ask the underwriters and brokers who work in the market for a voluntary injection of funds, but has no power to insist on this. One possible area of support lies in the new corporate capital investors who now account for about 23 per cent of underwriting capacity.

David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, and Peter Middleton, the chief executive, are considering a variety of options open to the market but have not taken any decisions. The spokesman said: "Nothing's been ruled out; nothing's been ruled in. The council hasn't made any final decisions."

Names will be offered the latest "snapshot" when the Lloyd's annual report and accounts is posted this week. It outlines three priorities: addressing the problem of market solvency; striking a settlement with litigating names; and clearing the way for Equitas, the new company designed to take over liabilities on insurance policies sold up until the end of 1985.

The launch of Equitas has been seen as crucial to the future health of Lloyd's, since it would allow the market to "draw a line" under its past losses. The line could later be extended to take in losses up until 1992, separating the old, loss-burdened Lloyd's from a new profitable entity.

There has been some speculation that funds set aside for Equitas may instead be used to fund a settlement with names — potentially worth up to £1.4 billion — but Lloyd's insists the project is still on track. Equitas is intended to be up and running by the end of the year.

Directors' boxes: The 3,000 executives at the 1995 Institute of Directors' convention at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday will lunch on Mirabelle prawns, Scottish beef, artichoke salad, wild rice and chocolate rondelle in their seats.

Base rate 'will rise 1% this year'

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

INTEREST rates will have to rise by 1 per cent before the end of the year, sending the rate of headline inflation above 4 per cent at the beginning of next year, according to economists at Lloyds Bank.

The weakness in sterling, rises in raw material costs, higher pay rises and output bottlenecks in factories will contribute to a short-term increase in inflation, according to Patrick Foley and Trevor Williams, of Lloyds Bank, in an economic bulletin published today.

They say: "With the UK growth cycle being maintained by fast growth in overseas markets, it is likely that inflation pressure from the faster growing manufacturing sector will spill over into the rest of the economy. Although an interest rate rise may weaken the consumer sector even more, overall economic growth is likely to continue to exceed a sustainable rate."

However, they say that the absence of the "feel-good" factor among consumers may not be a bad thing, as consumer demand would force up economic growth and push inflation even higher.

Mr Foley and Mr Williams say that stronger consumer demand would threaten to unleash inflation, forcing the Government and the Bank of England to respond with a much higher base rates than the current 6.75 per cent.

They say: "Hopes for a return of the "feel-good" factor, either now or later, are probably misplaced. Consumers are probably feeling as good as they ever will outside an inflationary boom."

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IMF puts question mark over tax cuts

From Martin Fletcher
in Washington

THE International Monetary Fund has questioned the wisdom of UK government plans to cut taxes before the next election and says a further interest rate rise may be needed.

In its latest *World Economic Outlook* report, published yesterday, the IMF gave warning of a rise in inflationary pressures in Britain and said "a further firming of monetary conditions may soon be required to achieve the medium-term inflationary target". It added the pound's continuing weakness "argues for earlier steps to raise interest rates further than would have been required otherwise".

Michael Mussa, IMF economic counsellor, stressed the importance of Britain sustaining efforts at "economic consolidation", cautioning "any tax cuts be earned in terms of expenditure restraint".

The IMF also called for a further rise in American short-term interest rates to boost the battered dollar and contain inflationary pressures, and for much more determined action by Washington to reduce its budget deficit, including possible tax increases.

Welcoming Germany and Japan's recent decisions to lower official interest rates, the report added: "It would be appropriate for the Federal Reserve to reinforce the actions by the Bundesbank and Bank of Japan by raising short-term interest rates in the US."

Citing Washington's reluctance to tackle its deficit as a principal cause of the dollar's weakness, it said US fiscal policy "should focus on measures to contain the growth of spending, and also on measures to raise federal revenues as expenditure restraint alone is unlikely to bring about the needed consolidation".

The IMF asked Japan to redouble efforts to deregulate and open markets, exposing its economy to the benefits of international competition.

The report concluded the world economic outlook was generally good, with a new expansion under way after the slowdown of 1990-93. Average growth in the industrialised nations was likely to remain close to 3 per cent in 1995 and 1996 and inflation was being contained "at levels closer to price stability than seen in three decades".

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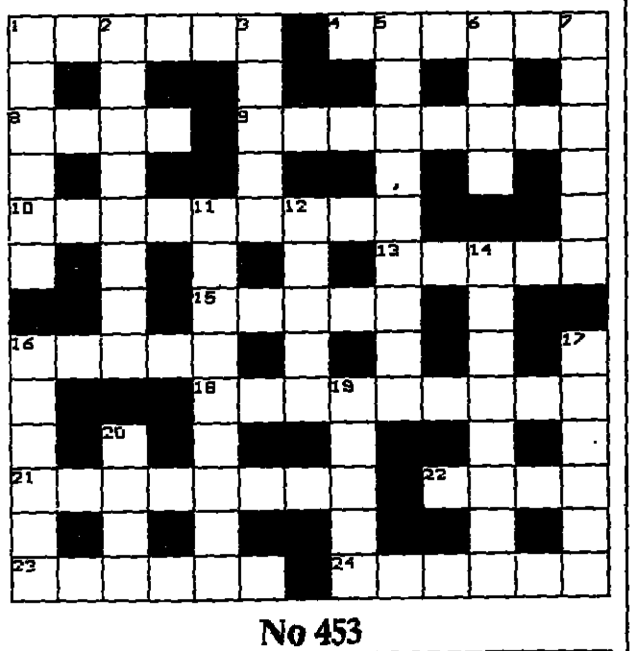

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15 Nobleman: cut of beef (5)
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2 18C English furniture-maker (8)
3 Continue uninterruptedly (3,2)
5 Dispose differently (9)
6 Naval rum drink (4)
7 Solid carbon dioxide (3,3)
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BAA to open US-style outlet shopping centre

By Susan Gilchrist

BAA is set to open its first American-style outlet shopping centre this week, offering branded goods at discounts of an average 30 per cent.

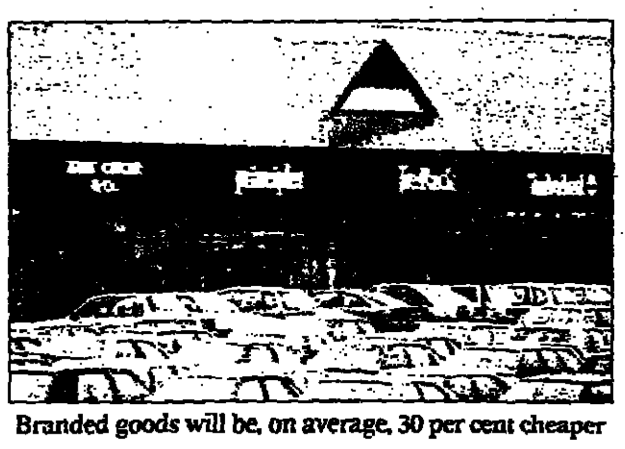
The £22 million development at Cheshire Oaks near Chester is the first to be set up by BAA, the airport owner and operator, and McArthur Glen, the US retail developer, which joined forces in 1993 to launch a chain of outlet centres across the UK and continental Europe.

Outlet centres are already hugely popular in the US, but are still in their infancy in Britain. The Hornsea Freeport shopping village, which was founded in Humberside by Peter Black Holdings and sold to management last year, was the first outlet centre on these shores.

CJ Clark, the shoe manufacturer, has also developed a successful site next to its factory in Street, Somerset.

The first 150,000 sq ft of Cheshire Oaks officially opens on Thursday and has attracted brand names such as Nike, Levi's, Timberland, Kurt Geiger and Paul Costelloe. About 300 jobs have been created. A further 150,000 sq ft is due to come on stream before the end of the year.

Four more sites are in the pipeline, and BAA and McArthur Glen hope eventually to open up to 20 centres across the country.



Branded goods will be, on average, 30 per cent cheaper

CBI starts search for new chief

By Our Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry will today begin seeking a successor to Howard Davies as CBI Director-General after his expected appointment as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Mr Davies is not expected to move until September, but finding a successor will be difficult. Although CBI grandees from industry will be tempted to look for an outside candidate, there seems little chance of finding one as well qualified as Mr Davies, formerly with the Treasury and the Foreign Office.

Mr Davies has reorganised the CBI management team, creating a leadership seen as able but in his shadow. His deputy, Peter Agar, a former management consultant, has been in post only a year.

Some Whitehall officials may fancy the job, but the CBI is likely to want someone who could work well with an incoming Labour government.

Bank lays down law on risk

By Our Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of England will publish its proposals for the implementation of new European legislation on the way banks measure their exposure to risk this week after months of argument with the British banking community.

The Bank had originally planned to decide how it would implement the European Capital Adequacy Directive (Cad) last month, but has been trying to reach a compromise with the banks over some of their concerns.

The directive will legislate on the allocation of capital for the risks taken by banks and securities houses when trading on the financial markets. The banks had urged the Bank of England to seek a delay in its implementation as they feared it would soon be superseded by new rules from the Basle committee of international bankers.

The Bank is believed to have rejected the pleas to call for a delay and the directive will come into force in January.

British banks were also concerned that the Bank of England's interpretation of the directive would be tougher than that of other European bank regulators. However, the Bank is understood to have agreed to relax its original plans, making its interpretation of the directive less restrictive. It is due to unveil its revised plans in the middle of this week.

In its response to the Bank's consultative paper on the directive, the British Bankers' Association had estimated that it would cost individual banks about £5 million each to implement Cad.

The association also argued that these rules would be in conflict with the Basle rules, which will allow banks to use their own computer models to measure and monitor risk.

The Bank of England now hopes to find a method of building a bridge between Cad and the Basle models. It is believed to view its final decisions as a compromise with the banking community after weeks of debate. The two sides did not reach agreement on all aspects of the Bank's proposals, but have moved closer, according to one banker.

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